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—Interim NMC president Lorraine Cabrera



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A day before leaving for Massachusetts, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reinstated Ambrosio T. Ogumoro to the position of Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner late Tuesday afternoon—weeks after DPS Com-

missioner Santiago F. Tudela relieved Ogumoro of his post on May 19.

Fitial sent a July 6 memo to Executive Branch department and activity heads advising them of



Ogumoro

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## BOOK DONATIONS

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan donates some 1,500 books to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe during a brief ceremony yesterday afternoon. His office collected these new books from the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. An estimated 600 other books are also bound for Tinian.

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# Local

## Govt tagged as a 'challenge' for small businesses in NMI

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The CNMI government itself is one of the challenges for small businesses on the islands, at least as far as the new director of the CNMI Small Business Development Center is concerned.

"The government is always an obstacle simply because they live in a different world," said SBDC director Gary A. Liddle during the general membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at Hyatt's Sandcastle yesterday.

But Liddle said that there are organizations and individuals

within the government "that have a sympathetic eye and ear for businesses" and work with small business owners to overcome the obstacles they have to confront as entrepreneurs.

According to Liddle, this is where the CNMI SBDC steps in. "What SBDC does is we are here to help you see your business in a different light," he said.

Reopened on June 15 after 10 years of inactivity, the SBDC is a joint effort between the Department of Commerce, the Commonwealth Development Authority, the University of Guam, the Pacific Island Small Business Development Center

Network, and the Small Business Administration.

The CNMI-SBDC provides small business owners with opportunities that can help them improve their existing businesses or assist them in establishing a new one.

It aids small business owners in increasing the rate of success of their businesses through their programs such as confidential business counseling, trainings and community outreach.

Liddle pointed out that in the past, about 80 percent of businesses in the United States fail in their first three to five years. He said the situation was toler-

able in the past because of the availability of resources.

"Now we don't. We can't afford to fail," Liddle emphasized.

Liddle added that quick-fixes and short-term planning do not help out businesses as well. He underlined the need to apply long-term thinking in certain industries in the CNMI, as there are business-related problems that cannot be addressed overnight.

During his presentation, Liddle also mentioned Commerce Secretary Michael Ada, whom he described as "the kind of person that looks for every resource available to him that would make the CNMI a bet-

ter place, particularly from the commercial point of view."

Liddle said the SBDC is also working on setting up its small library and computer laboratory that would provide small business owners with references they need to work out business-related problems.

"If we can't help solve your problem directly, we are cer-

tainly willing to do whatever research we can to help you solve those problems," he said.

Liddle also asked members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to answer their survey form. The survey would help SBDC in identifying what type of workshops and counseling are considered essential by business owners on island.

## Kagman residents dispute \$2K water bill

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A number of Kagman residents are disputing a \$2,000 water billing from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and is blaming the utility for the overcharged rates.

Jesse Torres, president of the Kagman Komunitat Association, disclosed that CUC failed to inform or warn customers of water leaks when they installed new water meters.

"At first, our company employee who manages our apartment units thought that the \$2,000 water bill he received was an error. We immediately contacted CUC to view our water meter. The water meter was spinning out of control. We were not aware of any water leak because CUC didn't give us any warning that the newly installed meter was spinning way faster than usual," said Torres.

He said they immediately shut off the main valve and installed new pipes because they were not able to locate the leak.

Torres said their tenants were paying a flat rate of only \$30 per month but now they are being charged by the gallon.

"The new water meter showed that there was an old water leak at 30 gallons per minute. We were surprised that

CUC didn't inform customers if there are leaks taking place. This has caused tremendous hardship on the tenants and on us because we have to pay over \$2,000 for water," said Torres.

He said this could easily have been prevented if CUC had simply notified them that the new meter indicated a major leak when they installed it. Torres warned all CUC water consumers to beware of the utility's "unethical business practices."

He said neither CUC nor they know how long the leak has been going on.

"You would think that CUC has a water leak detection team going around the villages to detect leaks. CUC's justification is that all leaks are the responsibility of the homeowner. I understand that, but they should at least warn customers instead of letting the bill add up. I understand that they are broke...but they shouldn't do this unethical practice. They told us that CUC is not obligated to give customers any type of indication on leaks," said Torres, adding that their tenants are being billed for several months worth of leaks because their CUC billing is about two months late.

Saipan Tribune learned that affected CUC customers owe

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# \$10M to \$12M in rebate checks out later this month

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Amid concerns about payless paydays comes the good news: Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that \$10 million to \$12 million in rebate and refund checks will

be released starting middle to late this month.

"We do not anticipate running into any problems regarding the rebate because those funds were never invaded for our outstanding obligations," Demapan said.

He was echoing Gov. Be-

nigno R. Fitial's and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos' earlier statements that the rebate trust account will never be tapped into for needed payments to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and for payroll.

"The rebates are tracking along. We're anticipating, what

the lieutenant governor was earlier quoted as saying—second week to latter part of July," Demapan added.

He said as soon as check processing is completed, the government will start mailing the checks.

Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) earlier introduced a resolution urging the governor to immediately process and distribute rebate and refund checks, saying this will alleviate the financial hardships of taxpayers.

Thirteen other House members co-sponsored Dela Cruz's House Resolution 17-14, which has yet to be adopted.

In the resolution, he recommends dedicating more employees to expeditiously process the rebate and refund checks.

## Manglona: Pre-law program very successful in NMI



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Robert Desiderio, former dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law, 3rd from right, stresses a point in a news briefing yesterday about the pre-law program. Also in photo are, from left, Judiciary public information officer Jim Stowell, Hofstra University School of Law Professor Rose Cuison-Villazor, Associate Justice John Manglona, Chief Justice Miguel Demapan, and NMI Humanities Council for the Humanities executive director Scott Russell.

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The CNMI's Summer Pre-Law Program has been very successful since it began in 1991, boasting a total of 89 alumni to date, according to associate justice John Manglona.

Of that number, 26 continued to law school, he said.

"So that's a good 30 percent success rate," Manglona said in yesterday's news briefing.

The associate justice said the program has produced two judges, two attorneys general, law clerks for the local courts, legal counsels for the House and Senate, and a staff at the Washington Representative's Office.

This year's pre-law program is the seventh. The intensive three-week program, designed for those interested in applying for law school, began on Monday at the local courts.

This year's students are former representative Tina Sablan, Jose Mafnas Jr., Oliver Manglona, Dr. Peter Eche, Antonina Senchenko, Frances Demapan, Aubry Hocog, Eulalia Villagomez, Leila Staffler, and Mary Louise Deleon Guerrero.

Robert Desiderio, former dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law, and professor Rose Cuison-Villazor of the Hofstra University School of Law serve as instructors for the program.

This year's batch of students comes from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, Manglona said.

"It's diverse and remarkable group," he said.

Desiderio described the students as an "exceptional group."

Desiderio said the program's first goal is to introduce the students to the study of law.

"It will give them as close as possible experience as if they were in first year at law school," he said.

The second goal, Desiderio said, is to help the students get into law school.

Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan said the program is very important to the legal community of a small island like Saipan.

Demapan said the CNMI has to recruit many lawyers from off-island because the number of local lawyers is not enough to staff positions in different departments.

He said the CNMI is still far

from reaching its target of producing enough lawyers, but it will do so slowly and eventually.

Cuison-Villazor will present contemporary immigration issues in today's lecture at the American Memorial Park Auditorium.

She will discuss conflicts between federal and state/local governments over the enforcement of immigration law and the right and privileges of non-citizens residing in the U.S.

Cuison-Villazor said the topic is very timely for the CNMI because of the recent implementation of the federalization law.

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about \$2,000 plus "and some of them have no idea of how to pay it off. This has caused hardship for business," added Torres.

CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae explained that it is not the meter that leaks but the plumbing in the home.

"If there had been leaks before under a flat rate, then they would not have been read be-

cause there was no meter. Once the meter is installed, the meter will read all the water consumed, including leaks," Malae explained.

He added that under a flat rate, a customer usually does not care to fix any leaks. This is the reason, he said, why there is a mandate in the consent decree that all customers must be metered and the flat rates abolished.

Malae said he will look into the specific complaint of these Kagman customers.

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## CUC sets three power outages on Kiya 1

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled three power outages throughout the upcoming weekend on Kiya 1 to allow Kimco Enterprises to continue with the relocation of power

poles on Isa Drive.

This project is part of the ongoing Cross Island Road Expansion Project.

The power pole relocations have been completed and the high voltage

primary conductors are scheduled to be transferred this weekend to the new power poles, requiring the power outages to ensure safety to the linemen.

The areas to be affected are as follows:

■ July 9, 2010: 1pm - 4pm, San Vi-

cente (Former Round House) to Dandan (Jin Market)

■ July 10, 2010: 10am - 1pm, San Vicente (former Round House) to Botanical Garden

■ July 11, 2010: 1pm - 4pm, San Vicente (former Round House) to Botani-

cal Garden

CUC apologizes for any inconvenience the scheduled power outages may impose on the community and its consumers and will continue to work diligently to minimize future interruptions. (CUC)

## DPS

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Ogumoro's reinstatement "effective immediately"; he did not cite a reason for the reinstatement.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said Ogumoro started working yesterday. He also could not say the reason behind the reinstatement.

Ogumoro's reinstatement fueled rumors yesterday that Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who is now the acting governor, resigned from his post over the issue.

Demapan dispelled the rumors, say-

ing, "I can assure everybody that Eloy Inos remains as the lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth, and now the acting governor."

The rumor began circulating after Inos dismissed the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 9am yesterday. Demapan said that Inos had tons of budget-related matters to attend to, so he had to dismiss the meeting.

Demapan said Fitial reinstated Ogumoro late Tuesday afternoon, and there was no way for Ogumoro to report for work right away, so he reported for work Wednesday.

He said Inos knew about Ogumoro's

reinstatement even before the governor wrote the memo, and that there was no conflict between Fitial and Inos over the issue.

DPS's Tudela terminated Ogumoro in May, when Fitial was off-island and Inos was the acting governor.

Demapan said Tudela's termination of Ogumoro in May was a "management decision."

"The governor has the authority to reinstate the deputy commissioner so that's what he had exercised effective today but there has been no change in leadership. Santiago Tudela remains the commissioner of Public Safety,"

he added.

### Fitial bound for US

Fitial will be attending the 102nd annual meeting of the National Governors Association in Boston, Massachusetts from July 9 to 11.

Demapan said Fitial checked in at the Saipan airport at 4am yesterday, for a 6am flight.

After the Boston meeting, instead of flying back to Saipan, Fitial will remain in the U.S. for the July 16 congressional hearing on minimum wage in Washington, D.C., Demapan said.

He said the governor is ready to tes-

tify on the minimum wage if needed.

President Barack Obama signed in December an omnibus Fiscal Year 2010 spending bill that also delays the minimum wage increase in the CNMI and American Samoa from May 2010 to Sept. 30, 2010, and every year thereafter.

The Fitial administration and businesses welcomed the delay in the implementation of the minimum wage.

The CNMI's current minimum wage is \$4.55 an hour, and is set for a yearly increase of 50 cents every year until it reaches the federal wage floor of \$7.25 an hour. The CNMI will reach that rate in 2015.

## NMC

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A school is placed on show-cause status when the accrediting commission finds it in substantial non-compliance with eligibility requirements, standards, or commission policies, or when the institution has not responded to earlier requirements.

NMC has until Oct. 15 to submit corrective measures and justifications why its accreditation should not be terminated. The commission will then send representatives to the college to validate the report and a decision is expected after the commission's assembly in January 2011.

NMC's accredited status continues during the show-cause period.

When the commission first cited NMC in 2008, it ordered the college to fix six issues. This time, WASC found 10.

Highly placed sources at the college described the current show-cause order as "more severe and grievous" compared to the first order in 2008, which mostly centered on administrative capacity.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the show-cause status came about after NMC was deemed out of compliance with eligibility requirements or accreditation standards in three key areas: institutional autonomy from outside interference, institutional financial management and integrity, and institutional governance and accountability.

### Sanction history

NMC was first placed on probation, followed by the show-cause sanction, from January 2007 to June 2009, due to a number of deficiencies, including not having a president, lack of administrative capacity, and board training and conduct.

The sanction was only removed in June 2009 when it appeared the college had successfully addressed deficiencies in these and other areas by having a president onboard and individuals in key positions.

However, recent actions by the college and its board have resulted in serious non-compliance with standards, all of which are described as "re-occurring deficiencies" prompting WASC to impose the show-cause sanction again.

The college currently operates with an interim president, Lorraine Cabrera, after the Board of Regents terminated then president Dr. Carmen Fernandez on April 12.

In the last 10 years, NMC has had seven presidents and a high turnover among administrative officials. If a new president is named in time for the Fall semester, he or she would be the eighth president NMC has had in a decade.

### 10 recommendations

To meet eligibility requirements and standards, WASC said the Board of Regents should exercise its authority to govern the college and protect it from undue influence by the CNMI government, including the government's ability to dictate the college's budget.

"The governing board should act autonomously to govern the college free from indirect interference by Commonwealth governor or members of the Legislature. This will defend the college from vagaries of changes in political power," the WASC statement said.

WASC said the college should also ensure that commission policies are followed at all times and that NMC respond to commission requests "truthfully and accurately."

NMC is also being required to integrate financial planning with institutional planning, ensuring that fiscal resources are enough to support student learning programs and institutional effectiveness so that financial stability is maintained.

It was also recommended that NMC ensure the financial integrity and responsible use of its resources, its management system having appropriate control mechanisms for sound financial decision-making.

The commission also cited the immediate need to hire a president.

Other recommendations call for the college to ensure that its administrative staff has appropriate preparation and experience to provide administrative services, including its president; and for the college to restore self-reflecting dialogue within the college to improve institutional processes.

"To meet the standard, the team recommends that the college ensure that faculty distinguish between personal conviction and professional review and that information is presented fairly and objectively," the WASC statement said.

The "confidentiality and security" of student records should also be maintained and must follow established policies for release of student records.

WASC also recommends that the board obtain training on proper role and conduct, and general rules govern-

ing board relations and practice, college policy, and accreditation standards.

### 'Tougher challenges, more severe'

Cabrera and members of the Board of Regents met with staff and students yesterday morning in a closed-door assembly to discuss the WASC decision.

Some of those that attended the meeting expressed "surprise" upon learning of the college's latest status. Others believe the decision was a result of the "internal problems" that recently beleaguered the college, including Fernandez's termination.

However, majority of the staff and students are optimistic that NMC will be able to turn the situation around—again.

In a statement from Cabrera, she assured all students and employees that they will do everything to get the college back on status.

"While this is a great setback for the college, I want to reassure all students, employees, and the community that we will do everything to bring the college back to full compliance with WASC standards and requirements. The college has faced tougher challenges before—in fact, we have been placed on show cause two years ago and we were able to come out of it successfully," said Cabrera, adding that there's no question that students, staff, faculty, and the NMC Board of Regents have the commitment and endurance to work together to see this through.

In an overseas interview with NMC liaison officer Galvin DeLeon Guerrero, he said part of the college's plans is to restructure its management team to include representatives from the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Associated Students of NMC to work on "coherent strategies." The existing management team is typically composed of senior administration officers.

Although these groups are well represented in other governance bodies in the college, DeLeon Guerrero said NMC is confident in the positive result it would bring to the college's missions and visions.

He said NMC plans to conduct meetings and discussions to resolve the commission's concerns. "We already begun addressing several of the team recommendations..." he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Board of Regents chair Janet H. King said yesterday the board fully supports the interim president and the administration's plans to address each of the 10 recommendations.

## Ogumoro's reinstatement surprises many at DPS

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REPORTER

The controversial Ambrosio Ogumoro returned to work as deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety yesterday morning, catching many DPS personnel by surprise as they did not get a memorandum about his reinstatement until in the afternoon.

DPS staff told *Saipan Tribune* that Ogumoro reported for work in the morning, but did not show up in the afternoon.

The deputy commissioner's office was locked at 3pm yesterday.

DPS spokesman Eric David confirmed that Ogumoro has been reinstated to his position and reported for work yesterday morning.

"But right now we haven't received

any black and white from Capital Hill about his reinstatement," David told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon.

David said, though, that DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela had verbally informed him about Ogumoro's return.

Tudela did not answer *Saipan Tribune's* messages seeking comments about Ogumoro's reinstatement.

Tudela relieved Ogumoro as deputy commissioner on May 19, giving him his walking papers shortly after Ogumoro called for a press conference where he lambasted the Drug Enforcement Administration and DEA Guam-CNMI resident agent-in-charge Antonio Marquez for alleged credit-grabbing.

Tudela said Ogumoro's press conference had nothing to do with his decision to terminate him.

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The non-payment of wages during the July 2 payday came days before Gov. Benigno R. Fitial declared a state of emergency for the CNMI on Tuesday to suspend laws and rules and allow the reprogramming of funds to avert a nursing crisis on Rota and Tinian.

Rota and Tinian Health Centers' 22 nonresident nurses and auxiliary staff have been in limbo as to their employment status.

The CNMI Department of Labor permanently barred these nurses' employer, Saipan Employment Agency and Services, from hiring and employing foreign workers. As a result, these nurses no longer have jobs with SEAS. Fitial's emergency declaration stays the Labor order and allows the nonresident health care personnel on Tinian and Rota to continue their contractual relationship with SEAS.

"But what we are waiting for is a new employment contract. Who is really responsible for our employment and salaries?" one of the Rota nurses asked.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, in a phone interview yesterday, confirmed that the 11 Tinian Health Center nurses and auxiliary staff did not get their salaries on time on July 2.

"As of today, I can't tell you as to the source of funding. We are still trying to identify sources of funding. Even local funds have already been depleted and

we're struggling for funding," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the payment of nurses' salaries is supposed to be a CNMI-wide or CNMI central government responsibility but he said the Tinian leadership has also been doing its best to ensure that nurses caring for Tinian patients get paid on time.

"One of the nice things about these nurses is that they are hardworking and dedicated to their job," he said, adding that these nurses continue to provide services to Tinian patients despite not getting their paychecks on time.

These nurses were also not paid their salaries on time for the pay periods between April 25 and May 22, 2010 but Tinian lawmakers were able to identify \$42,000 in reprogrammed funds for them.

Dela Cruz said yesterday that the Tinian Mayor's Office, the Tinian Municipal Council and the Tinian Legislative Delegation will have a meeting on Friday afternoon to discuss the payment of nurses' salaries, among other things.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the immigration and employment status of nurses on Tinian has been in limbo since March, and this should be clarified once and for all.

"After the governor's declaration, everything is status quo until parties come to a long-term solution," he said.

Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian) said Tinian leaders have been looking for ways to make sure these nurses continue to be employed at the government health center.



# Judge dismisses class action suit vs Mobil and Shell

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Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos has dismissed all claims in a class action suit that accused Mobil and Shell of colluding to fix fuel prices in the Commonwealth.

Inos, however, allowed Jose P. Kiyoshi, Felipe Q. Atalig, and Rabby F. Syed 20 days to amend their complaint of price fixing. Three other complaints—that Mobil and Shell engaged in false advertising, unfair or deceptive practices, and fraud—were “denied as futile.”

In dismissing the price fixing claim, the judge noted that the complainants have not alleged a factual basis to support their allegation that the prices Mobil and Shell charged their consumers bore no reasonable relationship to the cost of bringing gasoline to market in the CNMI during the relevant time period.

“In fact, there are no well-pleaded factual allegations

in the complaint purporting to show the costs associated with selling regular, unleaded gasoline in the CNMI at all,” Inos said.

With some understanding of these costs, Inos said, the allegation that there is no reasonable relationship between the costs and the prices rings hollow.

On the false advertising and unfair or deceptive practices issue, the judge said the plaintiffs based the claims on the practice of pricing gasoline in 9/10 of a cent and rounding the final price to the nearest whole cent.

Inos said the plaintiffs’ causes of action fail as a matter of law because gasoline is pumped in a continuous stream, which almost always requires the final price to be rounded to a whole cent, and that the two oil companies follow the CNMI’s rules and regulations for rounding their prices.

On the fraud claim, Inos said the plaintiffs have not sufficiently alleged the elements of fraud.

“While class members may

have paid a different price than advertised as a result of price rounding, again, the CNMI’s statutory and regulatory framework adopting Handbook 44 expressly authorizes Mobil and Shell to employ the rounding methods described in Handbook 44,” he said.

Syed, Kiyoshi, and Atalig had asked the court to stop Mobil and Shell and their agents from allegedly engaging in anti-competitive and price-fixing activities.

The three asked the court to, among other things, stop the two oil firms from entering into an agreement where one would source their petroleum products from the other and from adopting a uniform formula for computing their sale prices.

## Free symposium next month traces role of Tinian in Manhattan Project

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The Tinian Mayor’s office has organized a symposium next month about the involvement of Tinian in the Manhattan Project during World War II.

“Manhattan Project and Tinian: An Educational Symposium and Memorial” will be held on Aug. 5 and 6 at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

The Manhattan Project was the codename the United States used for the development of the atomic bomb program during World War II.

In 1945, the island of Tinian became the launching site of the atomic bombs that were dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan.

History experts have been invited to conduct presentations discussing the different aspects of the history of the Manhattan Project.

Speakers include Dr. Roger Meade, Dr. Anderson Giles,

Nancy Bartlit, James Petersen, John Coster-Mullen, Gen. Howie Chandler, and Rear Adm. Paul Bushong.

A memorial ceremony will also be held on Aug. 6 at the North Field historical monument to commemorate all those who perished during the war.

Tinian Mayor Ray Dela Cruz said the symposium is not centered on the moral aspect of the development of the atomic bombs. It aims to discuss why and how Tinian was chosen as the launch site, he said.

The symposium is made possible by the Tinian Mayor’s office in collaboration with the CNMI Council for Humanities.

The symposium is free for the public. Those who want to avail of lunch and dinner during the symposium can inquire at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

For more information, contact Allen Sandbergen at 433-1800 or Don Farrell at farrells@pticom.com.

## DPL holds off decision on LibDay grounds use

Department of Public Lands Secretary Oscar Babauta said this is the first time his office will be asked to extend the use of the Liberation Day carnival grounds for continued business purposes.

The letter, signed by Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, asks DPL to extend the temporary permit granted to the mayor’s office for the use of Garapan Fishing Base beyond the 4th of July festivities.

According to Babauta, the temporary permit given to the Saipan Mayor’s Office will expire on July 23, more than two weeks after the Liberation Day celebration.

“This will give them ample time to dismantle the booths after the Liberation Day,” he said.

Flores wants to use the booths constructed for the Liberation Day festivities as a “community event venue” such as concessions for a farmer’s market, swap meets/flea markets, and other community festivities.

In his letter, Flores said the revenue generated from the concessions will be shared by both the Mayor’s office and DPL.

Babauta said he will discuss the letter with real estate people of their office to decide on Flores’ request. (Clarissa V. David)



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Pursuant to Public law 8/41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. at the CRM conference room, Spring Plaza, Chalan Laulau, Saipan.

### AGENDA

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
- II. **PERMIT APPLICATION**
  - a. GPPC Inc. Quarry – CRM Reference No. TMS-2010-X031
    - i. Permit application/summary by CRMO
    - ii. Discussion of permit application by CRM Agencies/CRMO
    - iii. Application Status (CRM Agencies/CRM)
- III. **OTHER MATTERS**
  - a. Triple J – 60 Three – Bedrooms Apartment Building, Chalan Kanoa
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. [Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13 (c), the Agency Officials may vote to meet in executive session.

**Rita C. Chong – Dela Cruz**  
Director

## BETEL NUT, ORAL CANCER STUDY

### Pilot test to justify need for larger study

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The results of a pilot study on Saipan and Guam relating to betel nut use and oral cancer will justify the need for a larger study covering the Micronesian region, according to one of the study's lead investigators.

Dr. Yvette Paulino, in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*, said yesterday that there is limited knowledge about the different patterns with which Micronesians use betel nut—or areca nut—prompting them to initiate the research that they believe will give way to a bigger study in the future.

"We don't know for sure what is happening in Micronesia, as these types of studies are limited in the region. We would like to conduct a population-based study of different patterns of areca nut use and health risks in all the islands in Micronesia, but such a large study is costly and very time consuming," said Paulino.

Dr. Paulino said the Guam-Saipan pilot study will be funded under the University of Guam/

Committees on Human Research Subjects partnership via the National Cancer Institute.

"We hope to start in October. ... This is a three-year study and data collection will take about one and half years," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Dr. Paulino said both Guam and Saipan have unique classes of areca nut chewers, hence the decision to just focus the study on these two islands.

"Because this is a pilot study, we were limited in the number of islands to select, and we decided on these two. We chose Guam because we learned from our preliminary study that the Guam Chamorros are a unique class of areca nut chewers. We selected Saipan as our second pilot site because we have worked with the Saipan community in the past, as part of a child nutrition survey, and that partnership was very successful. In fact, we are modeling our recruitment methods after that study," she said.

"Since 2006, our research team has been gathering preliminary data that clearly identi-

fies different types of areca nut/betel quid chewers among Micronesian populations in Guam. For example, the Chamorros in Guam prefer to chew the ripe nut [by itself] and they swallow the nut. In contrast, the other Micronesians [Chuukese, Palauans, Yapese] in Guam prefer to chew the unripe nut [with other ingredients] and they discard the juice and quid," said Dr. Paulino.

She said it is their plan to obtain more funding to eventually include Rota, Tinian, and the other islands in Micronesia for future studies.

A 2004 review of epidemiologic and animal studies concluded that betel nut chewing is carcinogenic to humans—with or without tobacco—and is associated with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity.

The last study on Saipan about betel nut chewing was conducted by Dr. Eric Oakley and Lori Demaine of the Seventh Day Adventist Dental Clinic. It focused on betel quid chewing and oral health among middle/high school students.

### Major cleanup for Susupe Beach Park initiated

Rep. Ralph Demapan and his staff, together with the Coastal Resources Management Office and private firm GPPC Inc., initiated yesterday a major two-day cleanup of the Susupe Beach Park.

GPPC Inc., through its representative, Diego Blanco, provided manpower and the company's backhoe and dump truck to remove large rocks from the beach's shore.

The cleanup is scheduled to continue on Saturday, involving the general disposal of waste in the area.

Demapan said the existence of large rocks in the area was brought to his attention by concerned citizens who frequent the beach.

Because tourism is the only major industry in the island, Demapan said that keeping the beaches and environment safe and clean is one sure way of keeping the industry alive.

Recognizing the government's limited resources, he

said collaborative efforts and volunteerism are key to the realization of worthy projects.

Demapan also lauded David Blanco and family for the rehabilitation and painting of the basketball court in Chalan Kanoa.

Just recently, he said, the Lions Club of Saipan also spruced up the Civic Center's basketball court.

Demapan eyes the Sugar Dock area for his next cleanup initiative. *(Moneth Deposa)*

### Tinian mayor's worker facing 'ice' charges gets more time to prepare

An employee of the Tinian Mayor's Office who is facing charges of distributing methamphetamine or "ice" in federal court was given more time to prepare for his defense.

Alternatively, Henry San Nicolas can use the extra time to enter a possible negotiation with the U.S. government.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David A.

Wiseman approved the suspect's waiver on his right to a speedy trial and set a new jury trial date for Sept. 27, 2010 at 9am.

Attorney Joseph Camacho, counsel for San Nicolas, said his client is out on bail and continues to comply with the conditions set by the court.

San Nicolas posted an unsecured \$25,000 bond and was released to his common-law wife,

Sheila De la Cruz, who will act as a third party custodian. The suspect's mother, Elisa, is the alternate third party custodian.

San Nicolas is a staff of the Tinian Mayor's Office and assigned to the Dog Control Program.

He, along with Tinian Police Officer 1 Gilbert Macaranas and Carlos Aldan, was arrested in a joint anti-meth operation conducted by Tinian police and Drug Enforcement Administration agents on May 20.

All three have pleaded not guilty. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

#### RECITAL

Alyssa Benavente, a piano student with the RC Sablan School of Music, poses with her dad, Ton A. Benavente at the 4th Annual Musical Recital performance. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



#### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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**"GENERAL REPAIR FOR ROTA HIGH SCHOOL, ROTA JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"**

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair of Rota High School, Rota Jr. High School and Sinapalo Elementary School** on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package are available beginning on July 1, 2010 Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$75.90.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Sinapalo Elementary School on Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at [lizb@emchen.com](mailto:lizb@emchen.com) no later than July 27, 2010, 4:30p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-084"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00a.m., local time, August 5, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. local time, August 10, 2010 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on August 5, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to [robert.florian@cnmipss.org](mailto:robert.florian@cnmipss.org). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 5, 2010 and must be received no later than August 17, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., August 20, 2010

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## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 8, 2002

### Too many cars or drivers without license?

The Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicle reportedly registers around 22,000 vehicles annually but what's baffling to the department is that the average count of licensed drivers in the CNMI reached only half of this number. Public Safety Commissioner Edward C. Camacho explained last week that the big disparity in the figures could be that a significant percentage of drivers own multiple vehicles, or that almost half of CNMI's motorists are driving around the islands without licenses. Camacho, who was guest at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's weekly meeting, offered reasons why some drivers procrastinate or decide against registering their vehicles or applying for driver's licenses.

### DPW wants PCB-treated soil to cover dumpsite

The Department of Public Works wants to immediately begin with using treated soil from the PCB-treatment site in Tanapag to cover the Puerto Rico dumpsite. Public Works Secretary Juan S. Reyes said the demand for soil to cover the dumpsite is even much greater than the supply that treated soil can generate. Reyes said this would allow the department to cut costs, as the Babauta administration has yet to meet the financial mechanism requirement to finally close the dumpsite. The secretary issued the statement after learning of the opinion of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through its PCB treatment site coordinator Michelle Rogow.

July 8, 2003

### CUC execs squabble over Rota power woes

Two top managers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. with different opinions over the power supply problem on Rota met head-on, lambasting each other in separate memoranda. Assistant operations manager to the executive director Patrick Deleon Guerrero, who recently visited Rota to assess the island's Feeder-3, had come out with a six-page report that prompted a strong response from CUC power division manager Ben Mesa. The Feeder-3 substation has reportedly been inoperative for a few months now. In a July 2 memo, Mesa said that after arriving from a nearly four-week vacation, he was surprised to receive a copy of Guerrero's report making various allegations against him.

### 'Move on with substation construction'

Senate President Paul A. Manglona believes that Rota's power woes could best be resolved if the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. moves forward with the construction of a new substation, which is currently on hold due to land issues. The Rota resident made the comment yesterday, in reaction to warnings that a wide swath of Rota might experience a power blackout if CUC does not upgrade its Feeder-3 substation, which has been inoperative for months. A recent report prepared by CUC executive director Lorraine A. Babauta noted that the 10-MVA Substation Emergency Replacement is being held up pending the clarification of land use where the Rota Power Plant is currently sited.

July 8, 2004

### CUC's Babauta gives self 'above expectation' rating

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Lorraine Babauta gave herself an "above expectation" rating in her first annual report to the CUC board of directors yesterday. In the report, Babauta listed her achievements in the past year as CUC's top management official and said she merits the "above expectation" rating for "executing and implementing board policy, strategizing to fiscally meet the daily requirements [of our customers]." She noted that the series of oil price increases may have taken its toll on CUC's budget, but "I am pleased to inform you that the board and I understand the precise direction for this utility."

### AGO probes 100 employers for unremitted taxes

The Attorney General's Office is investigating at least 100 employers who failed to remit to the government withheld taxes from their employees. "These [taxes] are trust money. They are not employers' money at all," said Attorney General Pamela Brown. Had the tax deductions been properly remitted to the government, they would have significantly contributed to the CNMI's coffers. As of press time, though, the amount of unremitted tax deductions was unavailable. Brown told the business community that one of the CNMI's attractions for investors is its stable taxation. Brown was guest speaker at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's membership meeting held at the Aqua Resort Club's Raraina Restaurant yesterday noon.

## Kilili's book project fills shelves of NMI libraries

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) personally delivered to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday 47 boxes of books, which his Washington office collected from the Library of Congress. The books—approximately 1,500 in total—are the largest single shipment that Sablan has made since he began the program of supplying new reading material to Northern Marianas libraries last year.

Tinian Public Library is also scheduled to receive about 600 books, some of which Sablan delivered himself to Tinian yesterday. Books allocated for Rota have been sent through the Rota public schools.

"Summer vacation is here and Joeten-Kiyu Library and Tinian Public Library are going to be seeing a lot more young people coming in looking for books. So, it seems like the perfect time to expand reading opportunities with the delivery of these new books from the Library of Congress," said Sablan. Most of the books in the delivery are novels and other recreational reading.

"Books can open our minds to new ideas, teach us new skills and new ways of thinking," Sablan said. "I am committed to supporting libraries as one of the most important of our public facilities."

Beginning in June, Joeten-Kiyu adjusted its hours to make the library more accessible to more readers. "The library's board and the staff are doing a great job of responding to the needs of our community," Sablan said. "I want to help that effort every way I can."

### A treasure trove of books

Sablan began the library book project last November. In just eight months, he has delivered more than 10,000 books to Northern Marianas libraries.

The books come from the Library of Congress, which often receives multiple copies of books when they are first published. The excess books that the Library does not need for its own collection are made available to members of Congress.

"We have certainly made good use of this congressional resource," Sablan said. "In fact, I was told about 80 percent of the Library's surplus books over the last nine months have gone to the Northern Marianas."

Sablan's staff combs through the extra books in the Library basement, sorting them by reading level and suitability for the various libraries in the Northern Marianas.

Most, so far, have gone to the public school libraries. But Sablan also provided several hundred technical manuals and

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other useful books to the Northern Marianas Trade Institute; and in May he made a delivery of books for children and younger readers to Angel Ray Guerrero to help his efforts with encouraging and inspiring children to read by giving those books to charitable organizations that service children and families around the Commonwealth.

"Every Public School System school library has gotten a shipment of books," said Sablan. "Every public school on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan."

"Now we are making these larger shipments to the public libraries that serve more people and a much wider range of ages and interests."

Sablan said he is sending books to the private schools, as well.

"Then, when every library has received books, we will start at the top of the list and begin all over again."

**Selection process**

When Kagman High School student Aaron Tomokane and art teacher Peter Aldan were in Washington in June for the Congressional Arts Competition that Tomokane had won, Sablan asked the two to go to the Library and put together several boxes of art books that would be available for Aldan's students. "They knew what to look for and what would be useful to the art students at Kagman High."

But generally, it is Sablan's congressional staff who make the book selections.

"We have gotten better at matching up the books with the recipients," said the congressman. "I think Garapan Elementary, our very first shipment, may have received a few calculus textbooks. But the Public School System librarians talk to each other and I am sure some trading is going on. Or, who knows, maybe there is a very precocious Garapan student who is teaching himself or herself calculus right now as a result of our 'mistake.'"

As unlikely as that image may be, Sablan says that the connection between a reader and a book is completely un-



predictable.

"That's why it is so important to have well-stocked libraries. Because you never really know which student is going to connect with which book and what the result may be. So you have to increase the odds that the connection will happen by putting lots of books on the shelves," he said.

**Money for Libraries**

In addition to the ongoing surplus book project Sablan has also been successful at obtaining special appropriations of money for libraries and library books in the Commonwealth.

"We got a \$100,000 earmark for the Public School System to buy books for school libraries in the Fiscal 2010 appropriation cycle," he said. "The surplus books are great, but it is also critically important to have money to buy the very specific books that fill gaps in the school libraries or that teachers want to have available to assign to students for reading and research," he pointed out.

Sablan also won an earmarked appropriation of \$200,000 for repairs and renovations of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library this year.

"There is moisture coming down through the ceiling in various places," the congressman said. "The board and the staff gave me a tour in April to see the areas where there is leakage and potential damage

to books and other materials. So, I am very glad that we were able to get a substantial grant for Joeten-Kiyu to address that problem and also some security issues and the library's need for more shelving."

Sablan intends to continue supporting libraries. He has requested \$1.265 million in Fiscal 2011 for continuing improvement of both the JKPL and the Tinian Public Library. (PR)

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan presents eight of 20 boxes of books collected from the surplus collection of the Library of Congress to Tinian Public Library supervisor Lorna Cruz, library staff and patrons. Approximately 80 of the surplus collection have gone to the two main public libraries in the NMI and public and private school libraries just in the past eight months.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Tinian to start summer books and films series

The Tinian Public Library, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the NMI Council for the Humanities is inviting the Tinian community this Saturday to the launching of the first Saturday summer outdoor film, part of the Tinian Summer Books and Films Series.

The film shown will be *Bridge to Terabithia*, based on the 1977 novel by Katherine Paterson of the same title, starting at 7pm on Saturday, July 10, at the Kammer Beach Main Pavil-

ion. The event is free and open to the public.

The community is invited to bring their own refreshments to enjoy, but not for sale. The community is urged strongly not to litter and to report anyone seen littering. Parents with young children and teenagers attending must ensure their own child's/teen's safety and knowledge of their whereabouts at all times, as this is not a chaperoned event. (PR)



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### EDITORIAL

## Some proving to do

This was the easy part: Gen. David Petraeus won Senate confirmation on a 99-0 vote as the new Afghanistan war commander.

From here forward, it gets trickier.

The American story in Afghanistan now is of rugs, drugs and thugs. Afghanistan's legitimate options for economic success, including rugs, seem limited. Meanwhile, illegal drug money has drawn in and funded international terrorists, with the support of local Taliban, strict Muslims who rule through intimidation and piety.

President Barack Obama chose a fine replacement for Gen. Stanley McChrystal. Still, Americans should not expect huge changes, in strategy or results, anytime soon under Petraeus.

After all, he has been reviewing and helping plan what's been going on in Afghanistan for the last year. McChrystal was following the counterinsurgency manual trying to subdue the Taliban and get the country under control. Petraeus wrote that manual.

The tactic relies on applying a force surge to regain security, turning local insurgents who are turnable away from the enemy, and shifting responsibility to locals when they are ready. Petraeus worked this tactic well in Iraq in 2007. It's still early, but Afghanistan 2009-2010 doesn't yet look to be a success.

But, as Petraeus has noted, Iraq is not Afghanistan. As former Iraq Ambassador Ryan Crocker explained, Iraq had resources, was used to civil society and a functioning government, and valued education. The United States was rebuilding that nation.

In Afghanistan, none of the positives exist. It's building a nation from scratch.

Petraeus worked well with Crocker. One of McChrystal's failings was a disdain for the civilian leadership team, including Richard C. Holbrooke and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry. Petraeus reportedly has already been in close contact with his civilian partners, and his history indicates that will continue.

Even so, the job in Afghanistan is huge, starting with creating a working partnership with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

But there are problems with Karzai. Afghans believe he stole the recent election. His aides say he is questioning whether "the West" is a good partner. And his family has been tied to the drug trade.

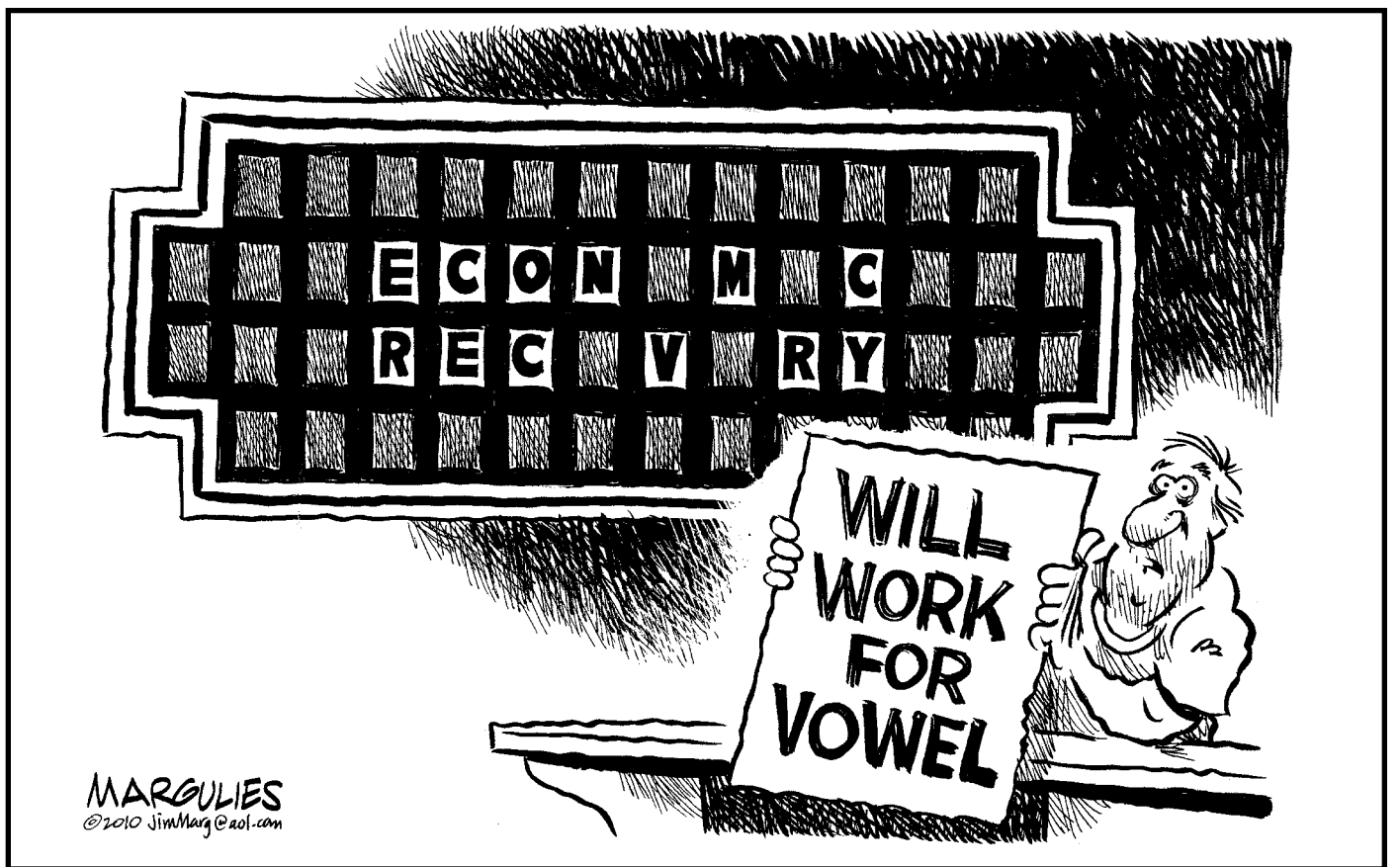
Perhaps Petraeus' single greatest success in Iraq was the Sons of Iraq program. In that, he took advantage of a growing dissatisfaction among Iraqi insurgents who had thrown in with al-Qaeda in Iraq. Before Petraeus approached, many were weary of violence against their fellow Iraqis.

One worry about Petraeus taking over the Afghanistan command is that troubles are creeping back into Iraq, involving many of the old Sons of Iraq. But Afghanistan now is the greater concern.

Petraeus is noted for the success of "the surge." The Afghan surge, however, is almost in place, and right now, it's meeting the bloodiest resistance to date. In June, 102 Western troops were killed, a new high for NATO. More than half the dead were American.

It's clear Petraeus is the right man for the job in Afghanistan. The question is, can he make the strategy work again?

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## Working in the CNMI

According to the Department of Interior Report dated April 2010, there are approximately 21,000 aliens in the CNMI. Most of these aliens are either working or trying to find work. Due to the delay by the federal authorities in issuing final regulations for CW1 status, as well as to conflicting positions taken by the federal Ombudsman's Office and CNMI Department of Labor, DOL, regarding the continuing authority of DOL to regulate foreign labor in the CNMI, many foreign workers and their employers are rightfully confused. They don't know what their options are; they don't know whom to believe; they are apprehensive about the future. Today's column will review the various types of status available to foreign workers under both federal and CNMI law.

**1 Umbrella Permits:** These permits were issued by DOL prior to Nov. 28, 2009, to aliens with status recognized by DOL. Although immigration into the CNMI came under federal authority on that date, the CNRA (federalization law) specifically recognizes and honors all legally issued CNMI entry permits up to their expiration but in no event for longer than two years. The umbrella permit program is an implementation of the authority granted by the CNRA to the CNMI to issue permits effective up to Nov. 27, 2011. Although umbrella permits do not authorize work under some classifications (such as immediate relative of an alien 240E or student 240H), USCIS takes the position that all umbrella permits constitute work authorization up to Nov. 27, 2011. Therefore if you have an umbrella permit, you may legally work until that date. Please note that although USCIS takes the position that any umbrella permit is an unrestricted work authorization until the expiration date, DOL does not. DOL takes the position that an umbrella permit is a conditional permit, and that it is conditioned on the terms on which it was issued, including a "report back" date. If you fail to comply with the report back date, your umbrella permit may be revoked. It is unclear what the consequences of a revocation might be, but we advise our clients to avoid revocation if at all possible. We understand that some individuals whose umbrella permits were revoked were referred to ICE for removal (deportation). If you have an umbrella permit that does not authorize employment under CNMI law, our advice is to go down to DOL and get your category changed to one that does authorize employment. Upon application, you will get a new CNMI identity card (not an "entry permit") in a new category.

**2 U.S. Visa Status:** If you wish to remain in the CNMI and work after Nov. 27, 2011, you will need to obtain some sort of U.S. visa status prior to that date. This may be a green card (if you are eligible), or various forms of employment based visas such as H1B, H2, L1, L2, EB-1 and so forth. The employment based visa categories are expensive, hard to get, and depend on the employer's willingness to invest in the employee. They will not be available to the vast majority of CNMI workers who will need to wait instead for the publication of final regulations governing the CNMI-only foreign worker status, designated "CW1." The CW1 visa will be renewable up to Dec. 31, 2014, unless the Transition Period is extended. We know that the CW status will be available because the CNRA mandates it. Until we have final regulations, however, the program cannot be implemented: USCIS is without authority, at this time, to issue a CW visa. The procedures for application are not yet in place; USCIS will not accept your application even if you tried to apply. This places a large number of foreign workers in the CNMI in limbo. Note also that the CNRA mandates reduction of CW1 workers to zero by the end of the transi-

### IMMIGRATION FORUM

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tion period, or any extension of the transition period. USCIS has not yet made a final determination how that reduction will be achieved—bit by bit during the transition period, or by attrition during the transition period, or all at once at its end.

**3 Service Providers (New):** This is a new option authorized by P.L. 17-1 and articulated in Section 40.2-305(d) of the new CNMI labor regulations effective June 1, 2010. This allows qualified foreign workers to essentially hire out their services; to become their own employers. You cannot breach any existing employment contract to become a service provider. The qualifications are: you must have a valid umbrella permit; and you must have been employed in the CNMI for 10 years or more.

This option was created to give an opportunity for long-term foreign workers, who have been successfully employed in the past, but who have not been able to find an employer in the current economic downturn, to become self-employed and hire out their services. In order to be authorized as a service provider, the qualified applicant must:

- Fill out and file a Service Provider Permit;
- Obtain a bond to secure payment of up to \$3,000 for medical expenses and cost of repatriation. This requirement can be met by finding a guarantor;
- Agree to responsibility for medical expenses;
- Agree to responsibility for cost of repatriation;
- Pay a \$300 fee.

The details of his program are still in flux because it is new; but it does provide an opportunity for legal employment for qualified foreign workers who do not have a full time employer. You can download an application to become a service provider from the CNMI DOL Web site <http://www.marianaslabor.net/forms.asp>, go to Forms, then go to General Forms, then go to "Application for Approval of Service Provider Permit for Foreign National Worker."

**4 No time to lose:** Please be aware that all CNMI based immigration status will expire on Nov. 27, 2011. That is a mere 17 months from now—a much shorter period than has passed since the CNRA was enacted in May 2008. You will need to obtain U.S. status by Nov. 27, 2011, or be subject to removal from the CNMI. If you are eligible for any U.S. visa status, please make your application as soon as possible. If your only option is CW status, you will need to wait until it is available. The last we heard through the grapevine is that CW regulations might be available in September. Until we see them in print, this is just another rumor. Permanent improved status

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## People power

**B**ringing people together for a common cause has proven to be a powerful tactic. It has worked to create social change, influence politics, and bring awareness to environmental issues.

On a commercial level, people have banded together to help them get the best deals. Producer and consumer cooperatives have existed for centuries so that members can get the best deals in retailing, housing, utilities, banking, and agricultural interests. Warehouse clubs give better deals by providing products in bulk to a large number of their customers, and there are many organizations that broker deals or negotiate discounts on behalf of their members. In all of these situations, when a large number of people come together to make a purchase en masse it results in big discounts for them and a quick infusion of cash for the businesses.

The Internet has already changed how people communicate, learn and shop, and now it's changing the ways that businesses are promoted. In the last couple of years, individuals have been harnessing the power of the Internet and social media to get the best deals on food, fun, and fitness. The electronic medium has the ability to bring hordes of people together very quickly to get deep discounts from sellers through what is known as "collective buying power."

How deep? We're talking about discounts from 50 to 90 percent on local and national brands. Organizations such as [woot.com](http://woot.com), [letsbuyit.co.uk](http://letsbuyit.co.uk), and [yugster.com](http://yugster.com) allow individuals to save big on consumer goods. If you're looking for health, beauty and wellness products, [us.wahanda.com](http://us.wahanda.com) offers more than 45,000 professionals and advice, as well as great deals. For those with a hankering toward more up-scale fashion and luxury brands, then the Gilt Groupe at [gilt.com](http://gilt.com) can satisfy your needs while saving you up to 70 percent.

Some of the sites offer different deals periodically, but they require a minimum number of people to buy them in order for the deal to go. For instance, a fitness gym might have an offer of 50 percent off for exercise classes if 40 people are willing to buy it. If the minimum number is not reached before the time runs out, no one gets the deal and no one is charged.

By utilizing collective buying and social media, businesses are able to get hundreds and sometimes thousands of new customers literally overnight. Requiring a minimum number for the deal to be valid, guarantees that a business will earn a specific amount if the sale goes through, and customers have a chance to try something new at a great value. Here are some other benefits that a business gains from participation:

### FULL CONTROL

They have control in setting the minimum number needed for the item to be sold, and the discount amount. Even though the margins are lower, a minimum volume ensures the business comes out ahead.

### NO RISK

Typical advertising requires an upfront purchase for an ad with no guarantee on the number of items that will be purchased. Most of the sites I researched only take a portion of what is actually sold, and if the deal does not go, there is not cost.

### MEASURABLE ACTIVITY

Business owners know exactly how much is purchased from the website during the period of time it is offered, and they can check the site periodically to see what the current tally is. Can

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other forms of advertising offer the same ability to track where results are coming from?

### REPEAT CUSTOMERS

The type of people who are attracted to this kind of promotion are Internet-savvy, have more discretionary income, are better educated, and they are willing to try new places. They're not your typical bargain hunter who will drop a business in a heartbeat to find a better deal somewhere else. If they like the business, they'll return.

Most of the businesses that have used this method of promotion have had a very positive experience. In one study, 97 percent of the businesses asked to participate again.

Even though "people power" has proven to be extremely effective to connect huge numbers of people with businesses offering great deals in the United States and England, Saipan lags behind in offering something similar to the populace. In fact, many businesses here haven't even discovered the on-ramp to the Information Highway. If you're one of those businesses, maybe it's time to start your engines.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A call against irresponsibility

Last Friday's article titled "Lawmakers asked to cut \$350 fee for first-time teen drivers" suggests that Public Law 15-25 be repealed so that the current fee can be reduced to a "reasonable" amount of "less than \$100." How does repealing the law reduce the fee?

It really doesn't matter. Perhaps the letter was misquoted.

I do wish to address the fact that the only thing that Mr. Demapan has been willing to offer is his complaints, a very easy thing to do. If Mr. Demapan and his group think that this service can be offered for less than \$100 then they should open a school and try to make it work. I cannot. Our net earnings for April through June totaled \$52.99 and that was before payroll.

The tuition is sensitive issue for me as well. My "payless pay-day" covers a span of three months. I have an 80-hour work week which includes three 14-hour days per week. Additionally, I have not had a day off since Jan. 3. But it's okay. I made a conscious choice to take on this project.

What keeps me going is my students, both young and old alike. They routinely express their appreciation for what we provide and for what are trying to accomplish. That alone makes it all worthwhile and I am truly grateful for their support.

Mr. Demapan said, "We must be mindful that a lot of our teenagers, although they know it is against the law, may be driving on public roads without a driver's license." His generalization that a lot of teenagers in the CNMI may be choosing to break the law is simply unfair.

The majority of the students that I work with have very little, if any, practical driving experience and those that do, need to be "fixed." My challenge is to convince these students that what they see some drivers do on the roads of this island is not necessarily correct.

Then there is the premise that our "fee is unaffordable to a vast majority of parents." Over the last two years, approximately 600 individuals and/or families have taken advantage of our services.

Those individuals found a way to make it happen.

Lost in the discussions that focus primarily on money is what the tuition purchases. This is not about a bag of rice or the case of beer that is here today and gone tomorrow. Our product is education, something that will remain with the students for the rest of their lives. Thankfully, our students do understand the value of an education and it is encouraging to know that they are the future of these little islands.

Similarly, our primary concern is the health and safety of the students as well as the health and safety of the other drivers on the roadways. How do you put a price tag on that?

One lawmaker recently remarked to me: "It's not working! It's not working!" What is not working? Are the students more knowledgeable and better drivers than the period prior to the implementation of Public Law 15-25? Absolutely. In fact, my students frequently comment that they are dismayed by the fact that their peers with licenses know so little about driving when questioned.

Likewise, a parent recently described her daughter to me as a "walking driving manual." That is exactly what we hope will happen. Our students are encouraged to share what they have learned with those individuals who did not have the opportunity to take the course. I am also excited that my stepson is currently enrolled in my class because, realistically, I would not be able to duplicate at home what we do in class.

Additionally, since the students are required to log a minimum of 30 practice hours with a licensed driver, those licensed individuals are provided the opportunity to re-evaluate their own driving skills through the student. For example, the licensed driver is reminded that "Right turn on red after STOP" does not mean that the red light is to be ignored. Unfortunately, that driving regulation, which is a very simple concept, seems to have lost its meaning here in the Commonwealth.

What is sad, and at the same time, a little funny, is the fact that some of my students have difficulty finding someone with whom

to practice parallel parking. That is because their co-workers do not know how to do it themselves. Parallel parking is a required skill in our program because it is a very good indicator relative to how well the driver handles the vehicle in a small space. I believe that it should be incorporated into the BMV driving exam.

Lost in the discussion as well is the notion that Public Law 15-25 mandates that all first time applicants must complete the program, not just high school students. Forty-one percent of our clientele are age 19 and above and 16-year-olds are only a small portion of our total enrollment. That's actually a good thing.

A report that was published in the 1980s by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has recently resurfaced. It contends that driver education programs in the mainland allow students to receive their license before they are ready. Graduated Licensing, a program found in more than 25 states plus Guam, addresses this issue by requiring young drivers to complete a three-tier process. In the states that subscribe to the program, all license privileges are not granted until the driver has, at least, reached his or her 17th birthday. Research verifies that 16-year-olds have the highest accident rate of any age group, including the elderly.

I do have potential solutions to this dilemma, some of which I have already shared with some of the legislators, but none are worth pursuing if those same lawmakers do not realize that they were elected to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all of the residents of the CNMI.

Repealing the Mandatory Driver Education Law would not be in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth and any legislator who casts a vote to do so just to appease a special interest group like the Indigenous Affairs Office is, in my opinion, acting irresponsibly.

Once again, if Mr. Demapan truly believes in his conviction to help the "indigenous people," then he should propose a win-win solution that benefits the lives of all people living in the CNMI.

**Richard Puhalla**

*ISTS/DTA owner/operator*

## Austerity Fridays are avoidable

It looks like the Fitial administration is going to get its wish to reduce the salaries of government workers. So this is what it means to "let it be"? Not only will families suffer with less disposable income, but businesses will as well because customers would have to save more and spend less.

I guarantee the people of the Marianas that we can avoid austerities. How? Here is one way. Let's look at government office leases. There's CUC, Tax&Rev, DEQ, Zoning, CDA, and many other government agencies that continue to rent office space. One of these agencies spend at least \$50,000 per month for its rent. Former governor Babauta purchased La Fiesta in San Roque and it has

been deteriorating since then. It is a liability that we can turn into an asset. The NMI government is leasing the land on which La Fiesta stands. We can simply invest to renovate the entire building and move all those government agencies that pay monthly rentals there. We would save millions of dollars per year and not need to cut the salaries and services of the government employees. In the long run, the NMI government and taxpayers would save millions of dollars per year and government workers would not have to get a pay cut.

Another way to avoid austerity is to reduce the salaries of agency directors. Some are making around \$80,000 per year. If you compare this with the private sector, the government is

way to go in the political process. In the meantime, foreign workers in the CNMI are limited to the choices outlined above.

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overspending by about 40 percent on wages for agency directors. Look at CUC's job announcements. The director will make up to \$150,000 per year. The deputy director will make a little less at \$120,000 per year. It is interesting because they have no money for fuel, yet lots of money for salaries. At a time when some people don't even get paid on time, some agencies can afford hefty salaries such as these. At a time when the quality of life for many is in the hands of lawmakers, someone decides to pay directors with hefty salaries, which we can't afford. Time to wake up and demand what is best for all who call the Marianas home. *Na para este na babarias! Pat hafa mon?*

**Jesse Torres**

*Kagman, Saipan*

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## WORKING

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through an act of U.S. Congress is a dream, a fervent hope of many, one that may or may not become reality. Even if it does, it has a long



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 16 to 22 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 84° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 84° ▼ 76°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Majuro	Rain	▲ 82 ▼ 78

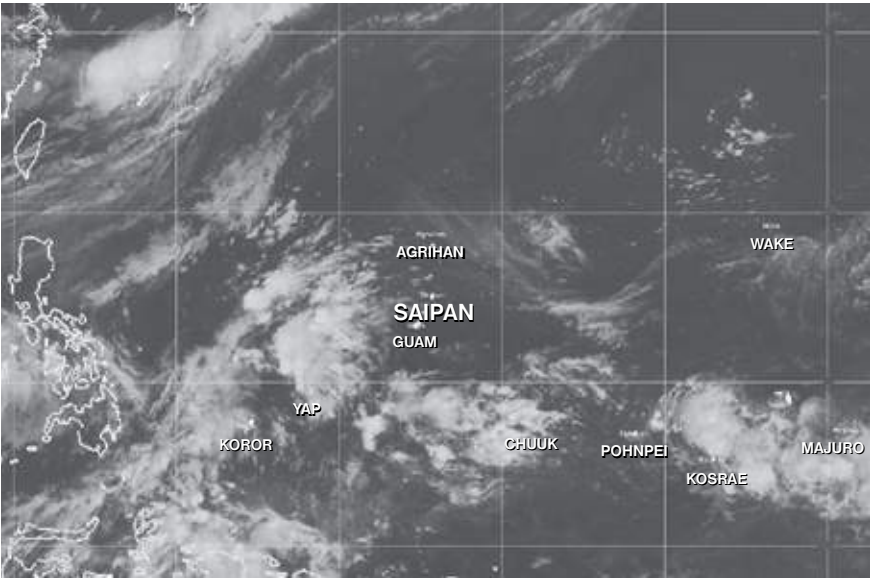
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 55 ▼ 49
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲ 77 ▼ 67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 73
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 72
Paris	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 69
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 71
Rome	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 68
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 102 ▼ 64
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 55
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 69
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 75
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 93 ▼ 77

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
10:57 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
6:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet	
10:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



#### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northeastward from 10N130E to 20N141E then continues east-southeastward to 18N150E and then turns to the northeast extending beyond 25N at 167E. Low-level convergence is combining with upper-level divergence to produce scattered showers near Palau and Yap west of a line from EQ139E to 3N133E to 12N134E and between Yap, Guam and Chuuk within 150 miles of a line from 15N138E to 8N141E to 7N150E. Isolated thunderstorms are also found north of Wake island within 100 miles of 24N165E. Converging southwest winds are producing scattered showers within 80 miles of a line from 18N130E to 22N135E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Pohnpei and across the southern Marshall islands, including Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 7N164E to 4N173E to 6N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:54 AM	6:52 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:01 AM	3:21 AM
Friday	2:53 AM	4:21 PM
Saturday	3:52 AM	5:21 PM
Sunday	4:55 AM	6:20 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	7:15 PM

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# Island Snapshots

Photos taken by Roselyn Monroyo during the 64th Liberation Day parade on July 4, 2010.



Police cadets.



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Previous Liberation Royal Court



Pride of the Pacific Marching Alliance



Kagman Village Neighborhood Watch



Kagman Elementary School Float



Falun Dafa



2010 Liberation Queen and Royal Court



The Awaodori Team of Saipan



## Business

## Oil seeps into New Orleans' Lake Pontchartrain

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—New Orleans, which managed to escape the oil from the BP spill for more than two months, can't hide any longer.

For the first time since the accident, oil from the ruptured well is seeping into Lake Pontchartrain, threatening another environmental disaster for the huge body of water that was rescued from pollution in 1990s to become, once more, a bountiful fishing ground and a popular spot for boating and swimming.

"Our universe is getting very small," Pete Gerica, president of the Lake Pontchartrain Fishermen's Association, said Tuesday.

Over the July Fourth weekend, tar balls and an oil sheen pushed by strong winds from faraway Hurricane Alex slipped past lines of barges that were supposed to block the passes connecting the Gulf of Mexico to the lake.

State authorities closed the lake's eastern reaches to fishing on Monday, though most of it remained open. Barges were



Barges lined up to block oil are seen from the air in The Rigolets, which connects the Gulf of Mexico and Lake Borgne to Lake Pontchartrain, in New Orleans, La., Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

lined up at bayous and passes to stop the oil from coming in, and cleanup crews Tuesday used nets to collect tar balls from marinas and docks. They also

planned to lay out 9,000 feet of special permeable booms. But the lake was too choppy for skimmer vessels to operate.

About 1,700 pounds of oily

waste has been collected, said Suzanne Parsons Stymiest, a spokeswoman for St. Tammany Parish.

The amount of oil infiltrating 600-square-mile Lake Pontchar-

train (pronounced PAHN-chuh-trayn) appears small so far. And tests on seafood have not turned up any oil contamination, said Brian Lezina, a state biologist. But the pollution is distressing to the many people in Louisiana who have a deep attachment to the lake.

"You won't hear songs about a lot of the marshes in south Louisiana, but you will hear songs about Lake Pontchartrain," Lezina said.

Out in the Gulf, meanwhile, stormy weather kept skimmers from working offshore Tuesday for yet another day and delayed the hookup of a big new ship intended to suck more crude from the gushing well. Also, the arrival of a Navy blimp intended to hover above the relief effort was delayed until Friday.

Tar balls from the spill also washed up on Texas beaches over the holiday weekend, meaning the disaster now touches all five Gulf Coast states, spanning more than 500 miles of coastline.

## As power demand soars, grid holding up ... so far

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Electricity demand in the East surged Tuesday near levels not seen since the summer of 2006. The power grid has so far been up to the task.

With temperatures soaring above 100 degrees in cities from New York to Washington, utilities and grid operators saw power output close in on the records set in August 2006. No widespread outages have been reported, although electricity demand typically jumps between 5 and 6 o'clock.

New Yorkers are expected to push electricity demand in the state close to the record

of 33,939 megawatts, set on Aug. 2, 2006.

"We're very weather sensitive," said Ken Klapp, spokesman for the New York Independent System Operator, which oversees the state's electricity grid. "With the high temperatures and humidities, it drives the loads up."

Consolidated Edison, Inc., which serves parts of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, said customers pushed electricity demand near 13,000 megawatts, but levels stayed below a company record of 13,141 megawatts. One megawatt is enough electricity to serve 800 to 1,000 homes.

## Toyota knew about Lexus problem 2 years ago

**TOKYO (AP)**—Toyota knew two years ago about the engine problem behind its latest Lexus recall, even changing the spring part to correct it, but did not think a recall was warranted until recently, a company official said Tuesday.

Toyota Motor Corp. started Monday a global recall over engine defects in its Lexus luxury models sold around the world, as well as the Crown sold in Japan, moving to repair some 270,000 vehicles to replace valve springs—crucial engine components that are flawed and could cause vehicles to stall.

In August 2008, Toyota changed that spring part, making it thicker, to prevent the problem, spokesman Hideaki Homma told The Associated Press. That is why the latest re-

call does not affect vehicles produced after August 2008.

Toyota, the world's top automaker, previously thought the problem was caused by a foreign substance entering during manufacturing of the valve springs, and beefed up checks so that wouldn't happen. But the company had thought the issue was an isolated problem that didn't require a recall.

"We changed the part in August because then the problem won't happen at all, even if tiny particles enter during manufacturing," Homma said. "We are talking about microscopic particles here."

But the complaints started climbing, and Toyota decided recently they weren't isolated problems after all, but a design defect, and decided to issue the

recall, Homma said.

Toyota has promised to recall problem cars more quickly to salvage a once pristine reputation now in tatters after recalls ballooned to more than 8.5 million vehicles around the world since October.

Toyota executives have repeatedly vowed to put customers first. But it has been criticized as lagging in its response to quality lapses, and was slapped with a record \$16.4 million in the United States for responding too slowly when the recall crisis erupted.

Auto analyst Koji Endo at Advanced Research Japan Co. said automakers routinely improve parts and technology when a product is remodeled, and the facts don't necessarily point to an intentional cover-up.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## California minimum wage fight heads back to court

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**—Fresh off a major legal victory, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration on Tuesday filed another lawsuit against the state controller in an effort to force him to pay California government workers the federal minimum wage. The Department of Personnel Administration filed the lawsuit against Controller John Chiang in Sacramento County Superior Court. It seeks a restraining order that would force Chiang to pay state employees \$7.25 an hour, rather than their full salaries. A state appeals court in Sacramento ruled last week that the Republican governor has the author-

ity to order the minimum wage because the state has not passed a budget for the current fiscal year. Schwarzenegger's order would cover about 200,000 of the state's 237,000 workers. It would not apply to employees covered by unions that recently reached tentative labor agreements with the governor. State doctors and lawyers wouldn't get a paycheck at all because minimum wage laws do not apply to those professions.

## Stamp prices going up again—46-cent rate asked

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Buy those Forever stamps now. The cost of mailing a letter is going up again. Fighting to survive a deepening financial crisis, the

Postal Service said Tuesday it wants to increase the price of first-class stamps by 2 cents—to 46 cents—starting in January. Other postage costs would rise as well. The agency's persisting problem: ever-declining mail volume as people and businesses shift to the Internet and the declining economy reduces advertising mail. "The Postal Service faces a serious risk of financial insolvency," postal vice president Stephen M. Kearney said, an indication that without significant changes a time could come when the agency would be unable to pay its bills. The post office lost \$3.8 billion last year, despite cutting 40,000 full-time positions and making other reductions, and Kearney said it is facing a \$7 billion loss for this

year and the same for fiscal 2011, which begins in October. The rate increase would bring in \$2.5 billion, meaning there still would be a large loss for next year. The post office, though part of the government, does not receive a tax subsidy for its operations.

## Texas group will look at oil, natural gas drilling

**HOUSTON (AP)**—A new group will pool Texas' brightest minds to come up with better and safer ways of drilling and producing oil and natural gas in the wake of the Gulf oil spill, Gov. Rick Perry announced Tuesday. The Gulf Project will focus on developing and testing current equipment as well as new technologies for the next generation of oil and gas

drilling, Perry said. The group also will look to develop better ways of monitoring the equipment once it's in place and improve training for responding to oil spills. "Texas must take the lead in this effort because Texas leads in energy," Perry said at a news conference at Johnson Space Center, which he suggested could help in testing new equipment. "We are perfectly suited to lead the effort into improving safety and reliability in our continued quest for new and better sources of energy." Texas' energy industry supplies 20 percent of the nation's oil production, one-fourth of its natural gas production, a quarter of its refining capacity and nearly 60 percent of its chemical manufacturing.

**STOCK Portfolio**

**ASIAN MARKETS**

<b>AUSTRALIA</b> 4,268.40 Down 31.30 (-0.73%)	<b>HONG KONG</b> 19,828.55 Down 255.57 (-1.27%)	<b>JAKARTA</b> 2,899.47 Down 11.17 (-0.38%)
<b>TOKYO</b> 9,234.98 Down 103.06 (-1.10%)	<b>K. LUMPUR</b> 1,305.31 Down 1.77 (-0.14%)	<b>MANILA</b> 3,350.08 Up 14.37 (+0.43%)
<b>SEOUL</b> 1,619.42 Down 20.20 (-1.23%)	<b>BANGKOK</b> 815.54 Up 0.02 (0.00%)	<b>SINGAPORE</b> 2,868.44 Up 0.42 (+0.01%)

**LEADING INDICATORS**

**DOW**  
9,743.62  
+0.59%

**S&P**  
1,028.06  
+0.54%

**NASDAQ**  
2,093.88  
+0.10%

**MONEY MARKET**

Australian Dollar	1.1797
British Pound	0.6609
Canadian Dollar	1.0556
Chinese Yuan	6.7780
Euro	0.7946
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7926
Indian Rupee	47.0800
Indonesian Rupiah	9,078.5000
Japanese Yen	87.4450
Malaysian Ringgit	3.2125
New Zealand Dollar	1.4450
Philippine Peso	46.5550
Singapore Dollar	1.3915
South Korean Won	1,222.9000
Swiss Franc	1.0625
Taiwan Dollar	32.1850
Thailand Baht	32.4800

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press



# Nation

## East Coast seeks respite as temps soar above 100

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The East Coast roasted under an unrelenting sun Tuesday as record-setting temperatures soared past 100 from Virginia to Massachusetts, utility companies cranked up power to the limit to cool the sweating masses and railroad tracks were so hot commuter trains had to slow down.

"It's brutal," said construction worker Pat McHugh, 49, his face shiny with sweat, as he took a break in New York City. "Worst heat on the job in 10 years."

The temperature broke records for the day in New York, where it hit 103, and in Philadelphia, where it reached 102.

It was also over 100 in cities from Richmond, Va., to Boston, and Providence, R.I., and Hartford, Conn., also set records.

"It's safe to say this is one of the hottest days in about a decade for many locations in the Northeast and even inland," said Sean Potter of the National Weather Service. "You'd go back to 2001 or maybe 1999 to find a similar heat wave."



People gather to seek relief from the heat at the Lower Falls of the Swift River in Albany, N.H., Tuesday, July 6, 2010. AP

With people cranking up the air conditioning, energy officials said there was tremendous demand for electricity, but the grid didn't buckle.

Few power problems were reported and the operators of the regional electrical systems that serve the Mid-Atlantic, New England and New York said they had ample capacity. Usage appeared to be falling just short of records set throughout the Northeast during a major heat wave in 2006.

Still, it was oppressive.

On the baking streets of the Bronx, 14-year-old Miguel Pena and 13-year-old Vincent Quiles walked their bicycles up a steep hill, white handkerchiefs around their heads to keep the sweat from their eyes.

"Man, this stinks," Miguel said. "We just got out of school and this is supposed to be when we have fun, but this is too much. We thought it would be cooler on the bike, but now we're going home. It's just too hot."

"You can't breathe out here," Vincent added.

## Gov't sues to throw out Arizona immigration law

**PHOENIX (AP)**—The Obama administration sued Arizona on Tuesday to throw out the state's toughest-in-the-nation immigration law and keep other states from copying it.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Phoenix said the law, due to take effect July 29, usurps the federal government's "pre-eminent authority" under the Constitution to regulate immigration.

The move sets the stage for a high-stakes legal clash over states' rights at a time when politicians in some other states have indicated they want to follow Arizona's lead.

The legal action represents a stern denunciation of the law, which the Justice Department declared will "cause the detention and harassment

of authorized visitors, immigrants and citizens who do not have or carry identification documents" while ignoring "humanitarian concerns" and harming diplomatic relations.

Supporters of the law said the lawsuit was unnecessary and blamed the federal government for neglecting problems at the border for years. Republican Gov. Jan Brewer called the complaint "a terribly bad decision" and defended the law as "reasonable and constitutional."

Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox speaks during a news conference supporting the Justice Department's lawsuit challenging an Arizona Immigration law on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in Phoenix.



AP

Arizona passed the measure after years of frustration with illegal immigration, including drug trafficking, kidnappings and murders. The state is the biggest gateway into the U.S. for illegal immigration, and it's home to an estimated 460,000 illegal immigrants.

The law requires police, while

enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if there's reasonable suspicion that the person is in the country illegally. It also requires legal immigrants to carry their immigration documents and bans day laborers and people who seek their services from blocking traffic on streets.

## Prosecutors to appeal Russian spy case bail ruling

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The government said Tuesday it planned to appeal a decision to release one of the defendants in the Russian spy case on bail.

The announcement came from U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, four days after bail was set for a U.S. citizen charged in the case.

A magistrate judge in Manhattan had said the woman, Peruvian-born Vicky Pelaez, could be released on \$250,000 bail with electronic monitoring and home detention. The judge said when he set bail that she could not be released before this week because it would take time to set up the bail requirements.

An appeal means that a bail hearing will occur before a federal judge, who will decide whether to uphold the findings of the magistrate judge.

Defense attorney John M. Rodriguez said Tuesday that he received a copy of a letter prosecutors had sent the court saying they were appealing. He said he expected his client to re-

main jailed pending the outcome of a hearing Wednesday afternoon.

Pelaez is among 11 defendants charged with being part of a spy ring that prosecutors say for the past decade has engaged in secret global travel with false passports, secret code words, fake names, invisible ink and encrypted radio.

The government has opposed the release on bail of any of the defendants, saying they would flee if they had the opportunity. Defendant Christopher Metsos disappeared on the Mediterranean island nation of Cyprus soon after a judge there freed him on \$32,500 bail. He had been charged by U.S. authorities with supplying funds to the other members of the alleged ring.

Pelaez, a prominent Spanish-language journalist, is the wife of a defendant identified in court documents as Juan Lazaro. Prosecutors say he has admitted that his wife passed letters to the Russian intelligence service on his behalf.

## Hawaii gov to decide on same-sex civil unions

**HONOLULU (AP)**—Hawaii's governor faced a midnight deadline Tuesday to take action on a same-sex civil unions bill approved weeks ago by the Legislature, as supporters of the measure waved rainbow flags in front of the state Capitol and opponents prayed in the hallways for a veto.

Gov. Linda Lingle, a two-term Republican who leaves office in December, has until 11:59 p.m. to sign or veto the only pending civil unions

legislation in the nation, or allow it to become law without her signature. The bill has been on Lingle's desk since shortly after lawmakers passed it in late April.

The measure grants gay and lesbian couples the same rights and benefits that the state provides to married couples. If Lingle gives her approval, Hawaii would become one of six states—along with California, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington—to

grant essentially all the rights of marriage to same-sex couples without authorizing marriage itself.

Five other states and the District of Columbia permit same-sex marriage: Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Lingle has heard emotional views from both supporters and opponents of the bill, and has said she wants to communicate her decision in a way that does not antagonize either side.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Manson follower denied parole for 19th time

**CHINO, Calif. (AP)**—Leslie Van Houten, the one-time Charles Manson follower long seen as the most likely of his ex-acolytes to win freedom someday, was denied parole Tuesday for a 19th time in the killings of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca. At the conclusion of the emotional three-hour hearing, the chairman of the parole board, Robert Doyle, said Van Houten was not yet suitable for parole because she had failed to gain complete insight into

her crime and its motivation. While commending her for her adjustment to prison and her work on behalf of other prisoners, Doyle and deputy commissioner Carol Bentley said the crimes involved were so atrocious and heinous that they must be considered in the decision.

#### Police: Booby trap suspect tried to derail case

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A man suspected of carrying out a string of booby trap attacks against the small

Hemet Police Department was initially targeting an officer who arrested him last year for investigation of growing marijuana, a law enforcement official said Tuesday. The suspect, Nicholas Smit, naively believed the pot case would go away if he killed or injured the officer, who also is a witness, said Karl Anglin, assistant special agent in charge of the Los Angeles division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "This guy we are dealing with is not very intelligent, that's for sure," Anglin said.

Hemet police Lt. Duane Wisehart said Smit would likely have served just six to eight months if convicted in the drug case.

#### Missing boy's mom makes new appeal to stepmother

**MEDFORD, Ore. (AP)**—The biological mother of a 7-year-old Oregon boy missing for more than a month issued a fresh appeal Tuesday to the boy's stepmother, again asking her to cooperate with police. Desiree Young said the

boy's 18-month-old half sister needs to see that Terri Horman did the right thing in bringing her brother home. She said the girl loves and misses Kyron Horman. "He is somewhere and we don't know where," Young said at a news conference Tuesday at police headquarters in Medford in southern Oregon, where she lives. Terri Horman is the last person known to have seen Kyron at his Portland school before he vanished on June 4. Investigators have not named her as a suspect or a person of interest.



# Asia

## Sharif urges Pakistan to be neutral on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan should stop trying to influence affairs in Afghanistan, the opposition leader said Tuesday, while admitting that the pro-Afghan Taliban policy he pursued when he was prime minister in the 1990s was a failure.

Nawaz Sharif's comments come as he tries to gain political traction and deflect criticism that his party is beholden to extremist elements. Just last week, he pushed the government to open talks with elements of the Pakistani Taliban, and the rul-



Sharif

ing party agreed to his proposal to hold a national conference on stopping terrorism.

The remarks also come as Pakistan tries to weigh in on reconciliation efforts between Afghanistan's government, the U.S. and the Afghan Taliban. Pakistan's historical interest in Afghanistan is largely a result of its desire to assert itself in the region and attain a strategic advantage over archrival India.

In an interview with Pakistan's Dunya TV that aired

Monday and Tuesday, Sharif appeared to renounce a policy he pursued with vigor while twice prime minister in the 1990s. Back then, Pakistan openly supported the Afghan Taliban movement as it pushed out other armed factions such as the Northern Alliance and gained control of Kabul.

"Pakistan should abandon this thinking that Pakistan has to keep influence in Afghanistan," said Sharif, who heads the Pakistan Muslim League-N party. "Neither will they accept influence, nor should the pro-influence-minded people here insist on it."

## 3 die as Indian forces fire on Kashmir protesters

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Government forces fired on hundreds of rock-throwing protesters in Indian Kashmir on Tuesday, killing two young men as authorities re-imposed a curfew in the region's main city, locals and officials said. A woman was also killed in the clashes.

Protests against Indian rule in the Himalayan region have grown increasingly strident in recent weeks with Kashmiri

people accusing government forces of killing at least 15 people during street demonstrations. The recent unrest had prompted authorities to impose a curfew in most parts of Kashmir for a week.

It was lifted on Tuesday except for in one southern town until the latest clashes in the main city of Srinagar prompted authorities to enforce it there again.

Kashmir is divided between

Hindu-majority India and Muslim-majority Pakistan and is claimed by both. Separatist politicians and armed militants in Kashmir reject Indian sovereignty and want to carve out a separate homeland or merge the predominantly Muslim region into Pakistan.

The latest protests broke out over accusations government forces killed a teenager on Monday.

General Ban Ki-moon.

Police tried to break up the protest in the evening and escorted some of the trapped workers out of the compound, but quickly pulled back after Housing Minister Wimal Weerawansa—who led the protest—ordered them to stop, leaving some U.N. staff trapped inside.

## Sri Lanka protesters lay siege to UN compound

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Hundreds of protesters, led by a government minister, laid siege to the U.N. compound in Colombo on Tuesday, trapping workers inside for hours in an effort to force the world body to cancel its investigation of alleged abuses committed during Sri Lanka's civil war.

The United Nations ex-

pressed "serious concern" over the obstruction of its staff, which it said happened despite assurances from the prime minister that the government would ensure their security. More than 125 people were believed trapped in the compound when the protesters first descended on the building in the morning after burning effigies of United Nations Secretary-

# World

## Vatican to issue long-awaited guide on handling sex abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI will soon issue a document outlining the church's procedures for handling clerical sex abuse cases that will gather the norms now in use and make them permanent and legally binding, a Vatican official and canon lawyer said Tuesday.

The "instruction" from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has been in the works for some time. But its impending publication has taken on new relevance amid the abuse scandal that has roiled the Vatican for months, with hundreds of new cases coming to light of priests who raped and sodomized children, bishops who covered up for them and Vatican officials who turned a blind eye.

The norms concern the canonical procedures for dealing with abusive priests, with penalties as severe as being dismissed from the clerical state. Separately, the Vatican issued informal guidelines



Pope Benedict XVI, flanked by his secretary Monsignor Georg Gaenswein, delivers his blessing during a weekly general audience he held in St. Peter's square at the Vatican, Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

earlier this year saying bishops should follow civil reporting laws in terms of reporting abuse to police.

It's unclear whether the new set of norms will include any reference to civil reporting requirements. Since such re-

quirements vary from country to country, it would be difficult to make reference to them in a document that is canonically binding on the church around the globe, noted the Rev. Davide Cito, a canon lawyer and consultant at the Congregation.

## Queen addresses UN, places wreath at ground zero

NEW YORK (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II challenged the United Nations to fight global dangers by "waging" peace, then entered ground zero on Tuesday for the first time to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Back in New York after more than three decades, the 84-year-old British monarch turned her eyes toward the future of the World Trade

Center: new skyscrapers rising over what was once smoldering debris that had buried loved ones forever.

"We are not here to reminisce," she told the world body earlier Tuesday. "In tomorrow's world, we must all work together as hard as ever if we are truly to be United Nations."

Not even a record high temperature of 102 degrees, accompanied by a heat advisory,

kept the monarch from New York's hallowed ground.

She arrived at the 16-acre site in lower Manhattan late Tuesday afternoon with her husband, Prince Philip. They walked slowly across a wooden walkway that reaches deep over the construction site. Huge cranes hovering overhead were stopped and workers took a break during the queen's visit.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### British activist fighting expulsion from Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP)—A British religious activist is fighting an expulsion order from Peru's government for allegedly inciting unrest among indigenous peoples protesting environmental damage from oil drilling in the Amazon rainforest. Brother Paul McAuley, a 62-year-old lay activist with the La Salle Christian Brothers who has worked in Peru for two decades, is appealing the order with the backing of the Roman Catholic Church, indigenous and human rights groups. "I'm very moved by the signs of solidarity and almost spontaneous activities being carried out," he told The Associated Press from Iquitos, capital of the jungle state of Loreto. That support has included a protest rally in Iquitos and an online appeal via Twitter by the outspoken U.S. actress Q'orianka Kilcher, whose father is a Peruvian Indian and who called McAuley

"my mentor and friend."

could overflow soon.

#### Mexican town evacuated amid fears dam will burst

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP)—About 18,000 people were evacuated Tuesday from a town in northern Mexico where authorities feared a dam would overflow from rains that accompanied Hurricane Alex. Evacuees were taken to shelters in nearby towns and cities, Ciudad Anahuac Mayor Santos Garza Garcia said. The Venustiano Carranza dam, about 70 kilometers (43 miles) away, reached capacity after days of heavy rains, including remnants of the hurricane, which slammed into Mexico's northern Gulf coast last week. Garza said 12 floodgates had been opened but authorities were unable to open 17 others because of electrical failures. He said the dam was releasing 600 cubic meters per second into the Salado River, a tributary of the Rio Grande, but

#### 90-year-old Nazi suspect Adolf Storms dies

BERLIN (AP)—A 90-year-old former SS sergeant who was No. 4 on the Simon Wiesenthal Center's list of most-wanted Nazi war crimes suspects has died before he could be brought to trial, German authorities said Tuesday. Adolf Storms died at his home in the western city of Duisburg on June 28, Dortmund prosecutor Andreas Brendel said. He said he did not know the exact cause of death. Brendel's office charged Storms in November with 58 counts of murder for his alleged involvement in a massacre of Jewish forced laborers in a forest near the Austrian village of Deutsch Schuetzen. Storms and other unidentified accomplices were accused of forcing at least 57 of the Jewish laborers to hand over their valuables and kneel by a grave before fatally shooting them from behind.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 5 killed in stabbing spree in China, reports say

BEIJING (AP)—A village head and four of his family members were killed in China's latest stabbing spree, state media reported Tuesday. Among the victims was a 5-month-old baby. The suspect, who surrendered after police fired warning shots, told authorities he had spent months planning Sunday night's attack on Wang Chengguo, an acting village chief in the central province of Henan, said Xinhua News Agency. The suspect, Wang Haiyin, blamed a dispute over land and frustration with his mother's government-funded pension. The 56-year-old village chief's baby granddaughter was among the dead. His 6-year-old grandson was seriously wounded. Stabbing sprees have made headlines over and over this year in China, especially at schools.

#### British soldier, 3 Afghan police killed by blasts

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Three Afghan policemen and a British soldier were killed by roadside bomb attacks in Afghanistan's volatile south and east, officials said Tuesday. Insurgent attacks have been surging in much of the country as NATO, bolstered this year by some 30,000 more U.S. troops, ramps up a crucial push to bring security to Taliban-dominated areas in the south after nearly nine years of war. The British soldier was on patrol in the south's Helmand province when a roadside blast wounded him in Nahr-i-Saraj district, Britain's Ministry of Defense said in a statement Tuesday. It did not identify him. The soldier, from 1st Battalion of the Mercian Regiment, was evacuated to Britain after Sunday's blast but died Monday in a hospital.

#### Panda in Chinese zoo accidentally crushes its cub

BEIJING (AP)—A panda at the Beijing Zoo accidentally crushed her new cub to death after abandoning its twin, Chinese state media said Tuesday. The two female cubs were born Friday, but the mother nursed only one of them, the zoo's deputy president told the China Daily newspaper. "Mother pandas are always like that," Zhang Jinguo said. "Twins are rare, and all mothers take only the first cub as their own." The panda mom, named Yinghua, then accidentally crushed the other cub to death in a corner of her pen early Saturday when she going to nurse it. "Pandas have poor eyesight. Yinghua apparently didn't see the cub," Zhang said. Before the accident, zoo staff had been told to leave the panda and her cub alone unless help was needed.



# Focus

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—More than 27,000 abandoned oil and gas wells lurk in the hard rock beneath the Gulf of Mexico, an environmental minefield that has been ignored for decades. No one—not industry, not government—is checking to see if they are leaking, an Associated Press investigation shows.

The oldest of these wells were abandoned in the late 1940s, raising the prospect that many deteriorating sealing jobs are already failing.

The AP investigation uncovered particular concern with 3,500 of the neglected wells—those characterized in federal government records as “temporarily abandoned.”

Regulations for temporarily abandoned wells require oil companies to present plans to reuse or permanently plug such wells within a year, but the AP found that the rule is routinely circumvented, and that more than 1,000 wells have lingered in that unfinished condition for more than a decade. About three-quarters of temporarily abandoned wells have been left in that status for more than a year, and many since the 1950s and 1960s—even though sealing procedures for temporary abandonment are not as stringent as those for permanent closures.

As a forceful reminder of the potential harm, the well beneath BP’s Deepwater Horizon rig was being sealed with cement for temporary abandonment when it blew April 20, leading to one of the worst environmental disasters in the nation’s history. BP alone has abandoned about 600 wells in the Gulf, according to government data.

There’s ample reason for worry about all permanently and temporarily abandoned wells—history shows that at least on land, they often leak. Wells are sealed underwater much as they are on land. And wells on land and in water face similar risk of failure. Plus, records reviewed by the AP show that some offshore wells have failed.

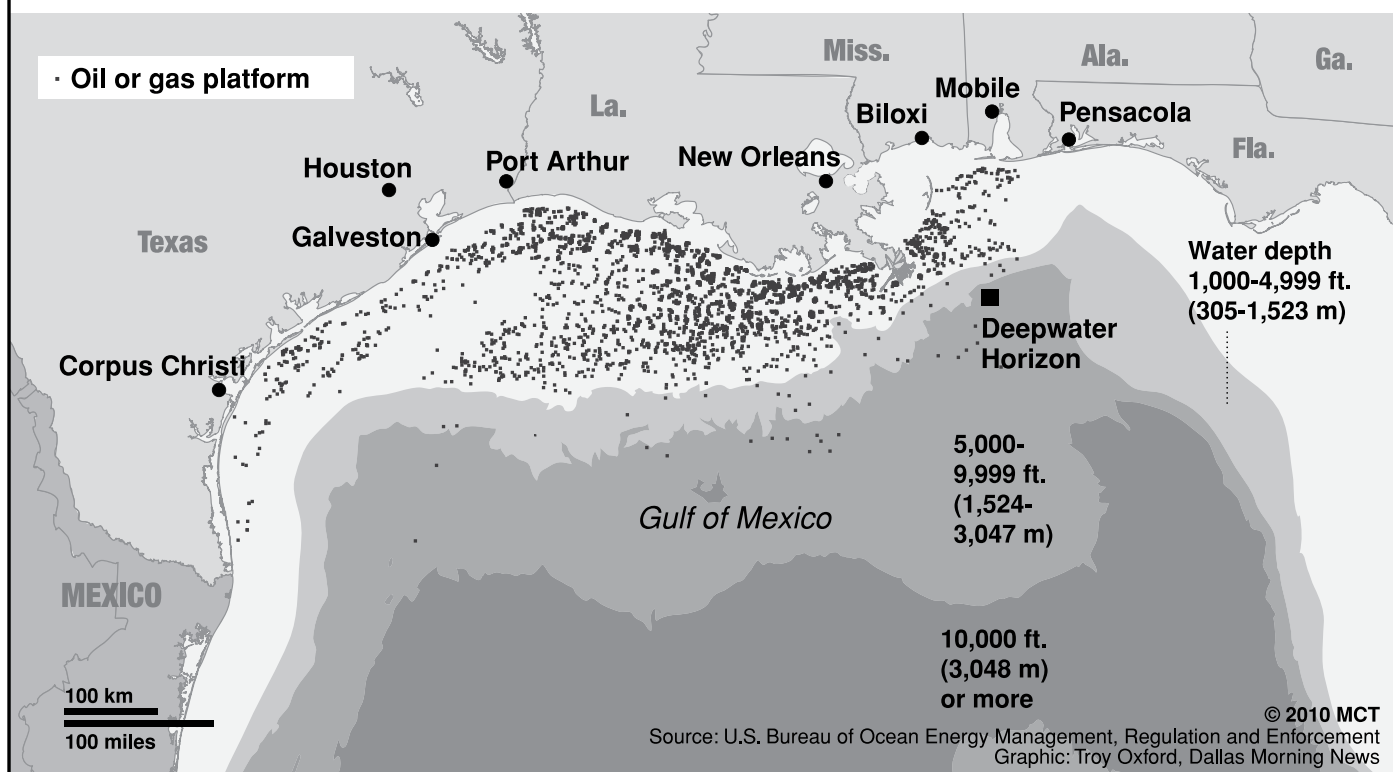
Asked in multiple requests over several weeks how often abandoned wells have failed, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acknowledged Tuesday—as this story was being released—that it has had to deal with leaks at abandoned wells in shallow state waters of Louisiana and Texas. The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement—which oversees wells in federal waters—also acknowledged Tuesday that it has dealt with “a few” failed abandoned wells farther out in the Gulf. But the information was released only through the public affairs offices and neither agency provided experts for follow-up.

Experts say abandoned wells can repressurize, much like a dormant volcano can awaken. And years of exposure to sea water and underground pressure can cause cementing and piping to corrode and weaken.

“You can have changing geo-

## Drilling deeper in the Gulf

*A number of wells are in water deeper than BP’s Deepwater Horizon, which sits at 5,000 ft. (1,524 m). Other wells as deep as 10,000 ft. (3,048 m) have been approved by federal regulators but not yet drilled. Active oil and gas leases are located throughout the deep U.S. waters in the Gulf.*



## AP: Gulf awash in 27,000 abandoned wells

logical conditions where a well could be repressurized,” said Andy Radford, a petroleum engineer for the American Petroleum Institute trade group.

Whether a well is permanently or temporarily abandoned, improperly applied or aging cement can crack or shrink, independent petroleum engineers say. “It ages, just like it does on buildings and highways,” said Roger Anderson, a Columbia University petroleum geophysicist who has conducted research on commercial wells.

Despite the likelihood of leaks large and small, though, abandoned wells are typically not inspected by industry or government.

Oil company representatives insist that the seal on a correctly plugged offshore well will last virtually forever.

“It’s in everybody’s interest to do it right,” said Bill Mintz, a spokesman for Apache Corp., which has at least 2,100 abandoned wells in the Gulf, according to government data.

Officials at the U.S. Interior Department, which oversees the agency that regulates federal leases in the Gulf and elsewhere, did not answer repeated questions regarding why there are no inspections of abandoned wells.

State officials estimate that tens of thousands are badly sealed, either because they predate strict regulation or because the operating companies violated rules. Texas alone has plugged more than 21,000 abandoned wells to

control pollution, according to the state comptroller’s office.

Offshore, but in state waters, California has resealed scores of its abandoned wells since the 1980s.

In deeper federal waters, though—despite the similarities in how such wells are construct-

company says it will permanently abandon a well, it has one year to complete the job. MMS mandates that work plans be submitted and a report filed afterward.

Unlike California regulators, MMS doesn’t typically inspect the job, instead relying on the paperwork.



In this undated photo released by the California State Lands Commission, an older nearshore wellhead is shown off the coast of California. In state waters, California has resealed scores of its abandoned wells since the 1980s, but in federal waters, the official policy is out-of-sight, out-of-mind. Neither industry nor government checks for leaks at the more than 27,000 oil and gas wells abandoned in the Gulf of Mexico since the late 1940s.

ed and how sealing procedures can fail—the official policy is out-of-sight, out-of-mind.

The U.S. Minerals Management Service—recently renamed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement—relies on rules that have few real teeth. Once an oil

The fact there are so many wells that have been classified for decades as temporarily abandoned suggests that paperwork can be shuffled at MMS without any real change beneath the water.

With its weak system of enforcement, MMS imposed fines in a relative handful of cases; just

\$440,000 on seven companies from 2003-2007 for improper plug-and-abandonment work.

Companies permanently abandon wells when they are no longer useful. Afterward, no one looks methodically for leaks, which can’t easily be detected from the surface anyway. And no one in government or industry goes underwater to inspect, either.

Government regulators and industry officials say abandoned offshore wells are presumed to be properly plugged and are expected to last indefinitely without leaking. Only when pressed do these officials acknowledge the possibility of leaks.

Despite warnings of leaks, government and industry officials have never bothered to assess the extent of the problem, according to an extensive AP review of records and regulations.

That means no one really knows how many abandoned wells are leaking—and how badly.

The AP documented an extensive history of warnings about environmental dangers related to abandoned wells:

■ The General Accountability Office, which investigates for Congress, warned as early as 1994 that leaks from offshore abandoned wells could cause an “environmental disaster,” killing fish, shellfish, mammals and plants. In a lengthy report, GAO pressed for inspections of abandonment jobs, but nothing came of the recommendation.

■ A 2006 Environmental Protection Agency report took no-

tice of the overall issue regarding wells on land: “Historically, well abandonment and plugging have generally not been properly planned, designed and executed.” State officials say many leaks come from wells abandoned in recent decades, when rules supposedly dictated plugging procedures. And repairs are so routine that terms have been coined to describe the work: “replugging” or the “re-abandonment.”

■ A GAO report in 1989 provided a foreboding prognosis about the health of the country’s inland oil and gas wells. The watchdog agency quoted EPA data estimating that up to 17 percent of the nation’s wells on land had been improperly plugged. If that percentage applies to offshore wells, there could be 4,600 badly plugged wells in the Gulf of Mexico alone.

■ According to a 2001 study commissioned by MMS, agency officials were “concerned that some abandoned oil wells in the Gulf may be leaking crude oil.” But nothing came of that warning either.

The study targeted a well 20 miles (32 kilometers) off Louisiana that had been reported leaking five years after it was plugged and abandoned. The researchers tried unsuccessfully to use satellite radar images to locate the leak.

But John Amos, the geologist who wrote the study, told AP that MMS withheld critical information that could have helped verify if he had pinpointed the problem. “I kind of suspected that this was a project almost designed to fail,” Amos said. He said the agency refused to tell him “how big and widespread a problem” they were dealing with in the Gulf.

Amos is now director of SkyTruth, a nonprofit group that uses satellite imagery to detect environmental problems. He still believes that technology could work on abandoned wells.

MMS, though, hasn’t followed up on the work. And Interior Department spokeswoman Kendra Barkoff said agency inspectors would be present for permanent plugging jobs “only when something unusual is expected.” She also said inspectors would check later “only if there’s a noted leak.”

Companies may be tempted to skimp on sealing jobs, which are expensive and slow offshore. It would cost the industry at least \$3 billion to permanently plug the 10,500 now-active wells and the 3,500 temporarily abandoned ones in the Gulf, according to an AP analysis of MMS data.

The AP analysis indicates that more than half of the 50,000 wells ever drilled on federal leases beneath the Gulf have now been abandoned. Some 23,500 are permanently sealed. Another 12,500 wells are plugged on one branch while being allowed to remain active in a different branch.

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# Environment

## ‘First Friday Films’ successfully debuts this month

» **Sharkwater and more movies to come**

**W**ith nearly 50 viewers, the inaugural “First Friday Films” event was a resounding success. The audience was engaged throughout the *Blackwave* film, and was treated to a post-movie discussion on the Gulf of

Mexico oil spill disaster.

Former offshore oil rig inspector Brian Bearden, DEQ environmental engineer, spoke about the ongoing oil spill disaster, followed by Marvin Seman, DEQ’s local oil response and cleanup lead. The two fielded audience questions, shedding



light on the subject.

Credit goes to film sponsor, Marianas Islands Nature Alliance, and the partnership of National Park Service with the Division of Environmental Quality for the making of this first event.

The August installment of First Friday Films will feature the film *Sharkwater*. The winner of 31 international awards, *Sharkwater* is a film documenting the exploitation and corruption surrounding the world’s shark populations and the effect humans are having on the ocean ecosystems by removing these important predators. The film will once again be shown at the American Memorial Park Visitor’s Center at 7pm, Aug. 6.

Further information on the film and upcoming events can be found at [firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com](http://firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com). (PR)

## Japan researchers look to seaweed in fight vs global warming

By JUN SUGIMORI  
THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN

**TOKYO**—A group of private and academic research institutes is studying the viability of tackling the gargantuan project of building a seaweed plantation in the Pacific Ocean to absorb carbon dioxide and produce biofuel.

The group, which includes the Mitsubishi Research Institute, Tokyo University and Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, is studying the viability of the plantation, which they hope could be vital in the fight against global warming.

In the atmosphere of primordial Earth, the percentage of carbon dioxide was much higher than it is today, and the percentage of oxygen was much lower.

The first living organisms—blue-green algae, green algae and other species of seaweed—converted carbon dioxide into oxygen through internal photosynthesis. As a result, the percentage of oxygen in the atmosphere eventually rose to today’s level.

“Petroleum was originally fossilized seaweed and other creatures. Therefore, it makes sense to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air with the help of seaweed and use the seaweed to produce fuel,” professor Masahiro Notoya of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology said.

The plan is to place 100 floating fishing nets in the Pacific Ocean, each measuring 10 kilometers by 10 kilometers. Seaweed such as sea grape, which can reach 20 meters in length in a year, will grow from the nets.

If various species of seaweed can be harvested so that at least one of them is growing at any given time throughout the year, each of the nets could produce 270,000 tons of seaweed a year, according to estimates.

Seaweed discharges hydrogen and carbon monoxide gases when it is exposed to extremely heated water vapor. Methanol and other biofuel can be synthesized from the gases.

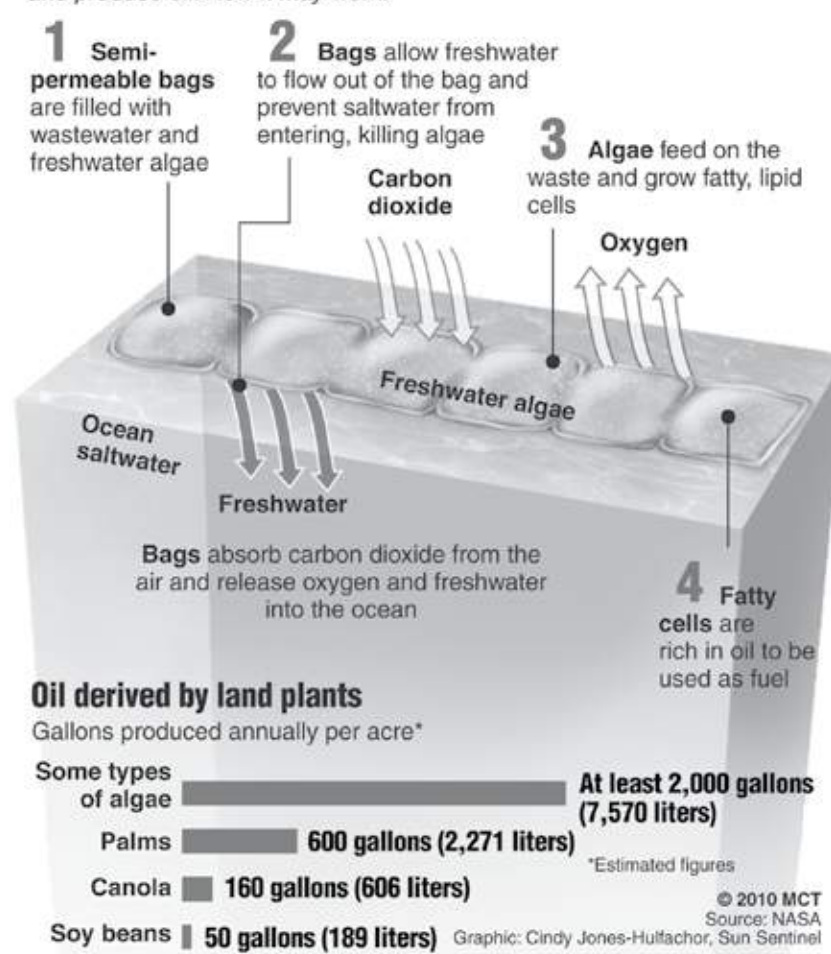
Because the biofuel is made from carbon hydride, which is created from carbon dioxide through photosynthesis, no extra carbon dioxide is discharged into the atmosphere when the fuel is burned. In this sense the fuel holds a very great advantage over fossil fuels.

Another benefit of the nets is that concentrations of seaweed contain abundant plankton and attract fish looking for spawning grounds. This in turn will increase fishery resources.

“Absorbing carbon dioxide is only a small function the seaweed will serve. By growing seaweed, we can make nature richer,” Notoya said.

## Ocean-grown biofuel

A possible biofuel proposed by NASA uses algae to clean wastewater and produce oil. How it may work:



One of the main problems the institutes face is where to put the nets. Strong currents run off the Japanese archipelago and the nets could easily be swept away.

The seas off the coast of the Sanriku region offer a possible solution. The current there runs in a 300- to 350-kilometer circle. If the area is chosen, it may be possible to control the nets by tracking them with a Global Positioning System.

The group is going to research details of currents off the Sanriku region with observation buoys next summer to confirm the viability of the project.

Tokyo University Prof. Toshio Yamagata and his team have developed a system to predict sea currents three months ahead of time from water temperatures observed by satellite.

By combining Yamagata’s findings with the GPS technology, it would be possible to predict and adjust future positions of the nets.

But other hurdles stand in the way of the project. Its size alone might be enough to scuttle the plan, which calls for 100 of the huge nets floating on the sea, and a ship to produce the biofuel. The whole system will measure 120 kilometers by 120 kilometers.

Discussions regarding the laws of the sea and other international laws are essential to prevent the project from obstructing the safe passage of ships through the area.

It is also necessary to carefully examine what effects the project might have on the ecosystem.

But to avoid global warming, carbon dioxide emissions must fall by more than 50 percent in the future.

To achieve the goal, solutions must be offered by science, as well as people changing their ways of thinking and lifestyles.

There are ongoing studies to separate carbon dioxide emitted from thermal power plants which is then stored underground, and to have carbon dioxide absorbed into sea water.

Yoshishige Katori, a leading researcher in the huge seaweed farm project and senior counselor at Mitsubishi Research Institute, said: “Each of the technologies to be used is not unusually advanced. But combining them for a specific purpose can contribute to efforts to prevent global warming.

“To make the project a reality, we want to prove the possibility of the plan and present a vision of a bright future for mankind,” he said.

## DO YOUR PART

### Less packaging is more when it comes to saving the planet

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You probably don’t go to the grocery store saying, “I think I’ll buy some trash today.” But depending on which products you choose, that’s exactly what you’re doing.

Packaging makes up almost a third of the waste we all generate. And, all that excessive packaging ends up in our landfills where it takes an extremely long time to decompose—if at all.

Start making a difference today by making smarter choices when you shop. When choosing between two similar products Do Your Part to select the one with the least amount of packaging and in a container that can actually be recycled or reused.

One of the best ways to reduce the amount of packaging trash is to avoid individually wrapped items like snack packs and single serve containers. Instead, buy in bulk and divide your bounty into individual washable containers that you can reuse again and again. Lots of items are available in bulk such as crackers, nuts, and even cereal. The same goes for water; opt for reusable bottles instead of single use bottled water. If your tap water leaves a lot to be desired, a jug or pitcher water filter system can replace thousands of individual plastic bottles and the caps.

And when shopping for produce, choose loose fruits and veggies in-

stead of prepackaged ones. This move will usually save you money too because prepackaged ones are normally more expensive. Remember to also save and reuse those plastic produce bags from a previous grocery store trip and your purchase will have zero waste.

It’s also smart to look for items such as dish soap and laundry detergents in concentrated formulas. This simply means you are the one adding the water instead of the manufacturer. The container size will often be smaller meaning they require less energy to produce and transport. You can also buy soap and detergent in economy sizes with refillable dispensers to reduce packaging waste.

Finally, whenever possible, choose items that are made with recycled or recyclable packaging. For instance, buy milk in a recyclable plastic jug instead of a wax-coated carton that is not always recyclable.

Buy tuna in a can instead of a foil pouch that is not recyclable, and buy juice in recyclable plastic jugs, or better still jugs of concentrated juice, instead of individual juice boxes which are not usually recyclable. And remember, aluminum and glass packaging are usually best because they can be recycled over and over again without a loss of quality.

Shopping with packing in mind is just one more way you can Do Your Part to reduce your waste and tread a little easier on the planet.



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# Life & Style

**BEVERLY HILLS, California** (AP)—A judge sentenced Lindsay Lohan on Tuesday to 90 days in jail and an inpatient rehab program after finding the actress had violated her probation in a 2007 drug case by failing to attend alcohol education classes.

The actress burst into tears after the ruling.

Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel issued the sentence after listening to testimony from employees of an alcohol treatment program that Lohan had been ordered to attend.

Lohan missed seven classes since December, which led to the judge's harsh rebuke moments after the "Mean Girls" star offered a tearful apology.

"I did do everything I was told to do and did the best I could to balance jobs and showing up," Lohan told the judge. "It wasn't vacation, it wasn't some sort of a joke."

Revel said she found Lohan's apology insincere, comparing it to "somebody who cheats and thinks it isn't cheating if she doesn't get caught."

Lohan was not immediately taken into custody and will be permitted to surrender on July 20. She will have to wear an ankle alcohol monitor until then.

Los Angeles County district attorney spokeswoman Jane Robison said it was not uncommon for judges to allow defendants to turn themselves in at a later date so they can get their affairs in order.

The sentence tripled the monthlong jail sentence prosecutors had sought for Lohan.

It was unclear how much time Lohan will actually spend in jail. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore said female inmates convicted of nonviolent misdemeanors serve about a quarter of their sentence but that can be further reduced by state credits.

Whitmore said Lohan might be released on house arrest, but it would depend on the specifics of Revel's order.

Lohan could be returning

## Judge sends Lohan to jail for probation violation

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Actress Lindsay Lohan reacts after the sentencing by Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel during a hearing in Beverly Hills, Calif., Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

to the suburban Lynwood jail where she spent 84 minutes in 2007 after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor counts of being under the influence of

cocaine, and no contest to two counts of driving with a blood-alcohol level above 0.08 percent and one count of reckless driving. She had been sentenced to

four days behind bars.

The same jail housed Paris Hilton for 23 days in 2007 after she was found guilty of driving on a suspended license while on probation in an alcohol-related, reckless-driving case.

Whitmore said then that budget problems meant nonviolent female inmates were only serving about 10 percent of their sentences. The department still faces overcrowding and budget issues, he said.

Judge Revel spent several minutes Tuesday detailing Lohan's conduct since 2007, noting the actress had repeatedly deflected blame and made excuses.

There were "a number of instances that would show her not taking things seriously," said Revel, who imposed a series of strict, new conditions on the actress.

Lohan will now have a probation officer who will monitor her progress more closely. Lohan was previously on informal probation and supervised by a judge. She will also have to enter inpatient rehab.

Revel revoked Lohan's probation and ordered her to wear an ankle alcohol monitor after the starlet missed a court date in May. She was promoting a film project at the Cannes Film Festival at the time and claimed her passport was stolen.

The monitor issued an alert after the actress attended the MTV Movie Awards and after-parties last month. Revel said the device registered a .03 blood alcohol level at the time. Lohan has denied drinking that night.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, urged the judge to place the actress back on probation, saying she had learned her lesson and had improved.

Prosecutor Danette Meyers disagreed and urged jail time for the star.

"When you ordered her to go every week, it didn't catch her attention," Meyers said in a closing statement.

## 'Bachelor' flap shows ugly side of public breakups

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—She said he wasn't intimate. He said she wasn't faithful. She called him a fame whore. He called her jealous. For weeks, the nasty break-up of "The Bachelor" couple Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi has been fought in the tabloids. In their latest round of sparring, the pair were back in front of the reality TV cameras where it all began.

"Unfortunately, that's what one of our arguments looks like," Pavelka said after a weeping Girardi stomped away from their pre-taped reunion at the end of Monday's episode of "The Bachelorette" starring Ali Fedotowsky, the former Facebook advertising account manager who chose her job over Pavelka during his "Bachelor" season. "It's kind of embarrassing."

"The Bachelor" host Chris Harrison moderated the pool-side debate between the couple, who called off their engagement last month. The 32-year-old pilot from Dallas and the 23-year-old Geneva, Fla., resident quarreled over such issues as where they should place furniture in their home and why she gave an interview to a tabloid about their split.

Normally, when the couples who meet on "The Bachelor" or "The Bachelorette" end their made-on-TV relationships—just three out of 19 are still together—their publicists release a statement announcing an amicable parting before they quietly fade back into obscurity. Pavelka and Girardi, however, quickly launched into public mudslinging after ending their romance.

Girardi lashed out first by appearing on the cover of Star magazine alongside the headline "Jake's a MONSTER!" Pavelka then struck back on the front of People magazine above the headline "I DON'T TRUST HER." Girardi later dodged infidelity allegations on Twitter, while Pavelka unloaded about his relationship regrets in an interview with "Extra" host Mario Lopez.

"Nobody likes airing out their grief in public," said D. Ivan Young, author of relationship guide "Break Up, Don't Break Down." "When you find people putting behavior like that out there, they are people who are more concerned about the integrity of their brand rather than the content of their character. Those relationships are superficial at best."

The tumultuous separation—and subsequent speculation—Is Jake getting back together with Ali? Is Vienna going to pose for Playboy? Is Jake gay?—has remained a hot topic in the tabloids and online. Irad Eyal, reality TV producer and author of celebrity relationship guide "Sex Degrees of Separation," said the duo's messy end is atypical Hollywood behavior.

"They really went off the rails," said Eyal. "I think it became this game of who could bad mouth each other worse and then see who could come out cleaner. Obviously, it's a better way to keep your name in the press. If you just fade out quietly like all the other couples from 'The Bachelor' and 'The Bachelorette' did in the past, you're left with nothing."

## Robert Butler, who coined 'ageism,' dies at 83

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Dr. Robert Butler, a Pulitzer Prize-winning expert on aging who coined the phrase "ageism," has died in New York City, his daughter said Tuesday. He was 83.

He died Sunday of leukemia at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Christine Butler said.

Butler, a gerontologist and psychiatrist, was the founding director of the National Institute on Aging, one of the National Institutes of Health. He wrote several books on aging, including the 1976 Pulitzer-winning "Why Survive: Being Old in America."

Butler coined the term "ageism," or age discrimination, in 1968, and led a task force that analyzed the impact of age prej-



Butler

udice in a 2006 report, "Ageism in America." It addressed age discrimination in the workplace, elder abuse and the media's role in perpetrating such bias.

Butler was founding chairman of the nation's first department of geriatrics, at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. And he was founding president of the International Longevity Center-USA in New York City, a research, policy and education center dedicated to the field of longevity and aging.

Butler was instrumental in research that established that senility was not inevitable with aging, but rather a consequence of disease, according to the longevity center website. A study he led helped set the agenda for such concepts as "productive aging" and "successful aging."

He also is credited with the concept known as "life review," a therapeutic device people can

use to reflect on their lives, said Ev Dennis, secretary of the longevity center board.

At the time of his death, he was leading a committee on aging for the World Economic Forum.

He is author or co-author of several other books, including "The New Love & Sex After 60," "The Longevity Revolution" and his latest book, "The Longevity Prescription: The 8 Proven Keys to a Long, Healthy Life."

He also was working on another book with the working title "Medical Mistakes and Miracles," Dennis said.

A memorial service was planned for sometime in September, Christine Butler said.



In this April 21, 2010 file photo, television personalities Jake Pavelka, right, and Vienna Girardi arrive at the premiere of "The Back-up Plan" in Los Angeles.



# Art from Diana's family homes to go on the block

LONDON (AP)—Art, antiques, and even carriages owned by the aristocratic family of Diana, Princess of Wales, are being put on sale in three days of auctions beginning Tuesday.

The auctions feature items which once belonged at Althorp House, the Spencer family's country estate in Northamp-

tonshire, and in Spencer House, their historic London home.

Althorp was where Diana's grew up and became the site of her burial following her death in 1997 in a car crash in Paris. The estate is now occupied by Diana's brother Earl Charles Spencer.

While none of the lots were purchased by Diana, many have been in her family for centu-

ries—including a painting by Peter Paul Rubens, "Commander Being Armed for Battle," which sold for 9 million pounds (\$13.7 million) at Christie's Old Masters sale on Tuesday.

The portrait, which the Spencer family has owned since 1802, was painted in the early 17th century and depicts a bearded man, believed to be the Holy Roman Emperor Charles



AP  
An employee poses for photographers as she steps out of a barouche, probably used when the 5th Earl Spencer was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1868-1874 and 1882-1885, at Christie's South Kensington in London, Friday, July 2, 2010. The carriage, estimated to fetch 20,000-£30,000 pounds, \$30,000-45,000 is to be auctioned on July 7 and 8, in the Althorp Attic Sale, and is one of the carriages among the highlights of selection of works from Althorp and Spencer House, the historic London home of the Spencer family.

V, being fitted with his armor.

A second painting, "King David" by Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, sold for 5.2 million pounds (\$7.9 million.)

A sale beginning the next

day, the "Althorp Attic Sale," includes important 19th century carriages owned by the family—some with harnesses—as well as saddles, furniture, snuff and cigarette boxes,

and military uniforms. A third sale, which starts Thursday, includes works of art and porcelain from Spencer House, which overlooks London's Green Park.

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**Twilight Saga: Eclipse**

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**Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart**  
Fantasy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

The third film in the Twilight series explores a love triangle between Bella (Kristen Stewart), Edward (Robert Pattinson), and Jacob (Taylor Lautner) as the werewolf pack and the Cullen clan join together to fight a new breed of vampires. Melissa Rosenberg provides the screenplay for the Summit Entertainment adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's best-selling novel, with director David Slade calling the shots behind the camera.



**The Last Airbender**

Fri through Sun 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45  
Mon through Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15

**Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz**  
Adventure, Family • Rated PG

### Synopsis

Suspense auteur M. Night Shyamalan takes a break from crafting original screenplays to tell this tale of a 12-year-old boy (Noah Ringer) who provides the last hope for restoring harmony to a land consumed by chaos. In a world balanced on the four nations of Water, Earth, Fire, and Air, people known as the Waterbenders, Earthbenders, Firebenders, and Airbenders have mastered their native elements.



**Grown Ups**

Fri through Sun 1:10 4:20 7:10 9:35  
Mon through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10

**Adam Sandler, Kevin James**  
Comedy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Thirty years after graduating from high school, five former basketball teammates gather at the lake house where they celebrated their biggest victory to mourn the passing of their late coach. Over the course of the Fourth of July weekend, the five friends realize that just because they've all grown up and started families doesn't mean that they've lost that old spark.



**Toy Story 3**

Fri through Sun 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30  
Mon through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20

**Tom Hanks, Tim Allen**  
Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated G

### Synopsis

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**The Karate Kid**

Fri through Sun 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50  
Mon through Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

**Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith**  
Drama • Rated PG

### Synopsis

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## 'Daily Show' women defend program's diversity

NEW YORK (AP)—The women of "The Daily Show" are refuting blogosphere complaints about the show's lack of gender diversity.

In an open letter posted Tuesday on the "Daily Show" website, 32 women who work on the Comedy Central program—from producers to writers to production assistants—denied any suggestion that "The Daily Show" is a "boy's club."

The letter was addressed

to "People Who Don't Work Here" and referred only to "certain media outlets." The blog Jezebel.com recently claimed there is sexism at "The Daily Show" after speaking with several former female staffers.

But in a thoughtful and comical letter, the "Daily Show" women denounced "the bitter rantings of ex-employees." They said women make up 40 percent of the staff and "gener-

ate a significant portion of the show's creative content."

The show recently added a new female correspondent, Olivia Munn.

Jezebel Editor-in-Chief Jessica Coen said the site stood by its story. In a posting Tuesday, the story's writer, Irin Carmon, said she wished "The Daily Show" had made current employees available when she requested interviews.

## YouTube to gather videos for 'Life in a Day' movie

NEW YORK (AP)—With the help of director Kevin Macdonald, producer Ridley Scott and a few hundred other filmmakers, YouTube is making a movie.

YouTube, owned by Mountain View, Calif.-based Google Inc., is organizing the creation of "Life in a Day," a project that plans to document July 24 with user-submitted videos from around the world.

YouTube is asking people to upload footage of their daily lives. Macdonald ("The Last King of Scotland," "State of Play") serves as director and will edit together a feature-length

documentary from the submitted material. Scott ("Gladiator," "Robin Hood") will produce.

"I hope it will be something that will open people's eyes to the possibilities of user-generated film," Macdonald said. "Of course, it's a risk. It could be that I won't get anything interesting back. But I don't think that will be the case. I'm sure there will be some real gems, some real magic, which is what I'm looking for."

The film will premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in January. It will simultaneously be streamed on YouTube for free. Those whose footage makes

it into the film will be credited as co-directors, and 20 of them will be flown to Sundance for the premiere.

The project mirrors YouTube's two previous crowdsourcing efforts to marry its enormous community with professionals. The YouTube Symphony Orchestra gathered classical musicians from YouTube with the help of conductor Michael Tilson Thomas and composer Tan Dun. The recently launched YouTube Play partners with the Guggenheim Museum to create a "biennial of creative video."

## Unruly crowd undoes NJ party featuring Diddy

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Rowdy crowds waiting in line for a July Fourth pool party featuring Sean "Diddy" Combs forced the event to be shut down before the rap and fashion mogul had a chance to enter.

Police shut down the party early Monday, forcing some 1,800 guests out of the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City nightclub known as The Pool.

On his Twitter feed, Diddy wrote, "I just shut down Atlantic City! The party was so crazy I couldn't even get in! 10 thousand people showed up. ... I was

ready to party!"

Casino staff said that the actual crowd was not nearly that large but that they decided to cancel the event in the name of safety.

"Because of the large response on the 4th, we made a proactive decision to postpone the originally scheduled nightlife activities," said Jay Snowden, the casino's senior vice president and general manager, in a statement.

The trouble began around 12:30 a.m. when an estimated 500 people in line tried to

force their way in, authorities said. All the casino's bars were also closed early because of the brouhaha.

One man was arrested and charged with obstructing the administration of law and resisting arrest. No injuries were reported.

Several celebrities had been scheduled to appear, including boxer Floyd Mayweather and rapper Busta Rhymes. A concert scheduled for Monday afternoon was also canceled.

Ticket holders were offered refunds.



# George Michael arrested in London after car crash

## LA judge denies dismissal motion in Smith case

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A Los Angeles judge on Tuesday denied a defense motion to dismiss two charges against a doctor accused of illegally funneling prescription drugs to Anna Nicole Smith.

Superior Court Judge David Wesley rejected the motion by Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, who sought to have a drug conspiracy charge dropped along with one count of unlawfully obtaining a prescription by a false name.

Kapoor, Dr. Kristine Eroshovich and Smith's former lawyer-boyfriend Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to illegally providing sedatives and opiates to the former Playboy model. They are not charged with causing her death.

If convicted, they each could face more than five years in prison. Smith died of an accidental overdose of at least nine medications in February 2007 at a Florida hotel.

In other developments, the case was reassigned back to Superior Court Judge Robert Perry, who oversaw the preliminary hearing and ordered all three defendants to stand trial.

**LONDON (AP)**—British media reports say George Michael has been arrested after a car crash in London.

The BBC says the 47-year-old singer was arrested Sunday after police responded to reports that a car had crashed into a building in Hampstead, an upscale residential area in north London.

Metropolitan Police say only that they arrested a man in his 40s early Sunday in Hampstead on suspicion of being unfit to drive. They say the man was taken to a police station and released on bail



pending further inquiries.

The singer's publicists in London declined comment Tuesday.

Last year, Michael was questioned by police after his car hit a tractor-trailer, but was released. He was banned from driving for two years in 2007 after pleading guilty to driving on drugs.

In this Dec. 15, 2005 file photo, British singer George Michael poses for a photo session prior to a news conference to promote his documentary film "George Michael, A different story," at a hotel in Tokyo. **AP**

## Rolling Stone writer gets Afghan war book deal

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Rolling Stone writer whose story helped bring down Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who was fired from his job as commander of the Afghanistan war, has a book deal.

Little, Brown and Company announced Tuesday that Michael Hastings is working on

a book about the war.

The publisher says the book will provide an "unfiltered look" at the war and those who are fighting it. No release date has been set. The book currently is untitled.

Hastings' Rolling Stone article featured disparaging re-

marks made by McChrystal and his aides about President Barack Obama and others in the administration. Widely criticized for his comments, McChrystal was replaced as the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan by Gen. David Petraeus (peh-TRAY'-uhs).

## James Patterson tops 1 million in e-book sales

**NEW YORK (AP)**—James Patterson's publishing company says that he's the first author to exceed one million sales in electronic book delivery.

The Hachette Book Group says Patterson has moved 1.14 million units of his books for devices like Kindle and the iPad. The big

seller, by far, is the most recent: Patterson's novel "I, Alex Cross," which was published both electronically and in hardcover last fall. Since his first novel in 2007, Patterson's books have sold more than 205 million copies.

There's no third-party monitor of e-book sales, so Ha-

chette used its own figures and checked other prominent authors. The publisher didn't find any others who had cracked the million mark.

Patterson says: "If e-books get people who might otherwise not be reading to pick up a book, then that makes me happy."

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### German museum finds rare Kirchner in cellar

**BERLIN (AP)**—A German museum has discovered what it believes to be a previously unknown work by German Expressionist artist Ludwig Kirchner that languished in its cellar for decades. The Staedel Museum announced the find on Tuesday, saying that it had discovered it as part of renovation. The canvas is painted on both sides, with a rare nude, believed to have been painted in 1910, on the back. The Frankfurt museum plans to restore the work and put it on display for the first time when it reopens in the fall of 2011. It did not give an estimate of the painting's value. Kirchner is one of the best-known German Expressionist painters along with Ernst Ludwig, Emil Nolde and Wassily Kandinsky. He was also part of a movement known as Die Brucke, or "The Bridge."

### Cruise, Diaz promote 'Knight and Day' in Brazil

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz breezed through Rio de Janeiro to promote their latest film, "Knight and Day." Staying for less than 24 hours, the pair wowed star-struck Brazilian fans and journalists alike during the film's premiere Tuesday in the South American nation. Cruise posed for numerous photos with fans—and even bounced a football off his head at the behest of the host of a local comedy show. Cruise told reporters that his daughter, Suri, who came with him and wife Katie Holmes last year while promoting his movie "Valkyrie," adored Brazil but could not make this trip. Diaz squeezed in a helicopter tour of Rio and declared the city "stunning." The pair was scheduled to leave for Mexico after the premiere.

### Leno's 'Tonight Show' to host Joe Biden

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)**—Vice President Joe Biden is headed to Jay Leno's stage. The Friday appearance will be Biden's first stop on NBC's "The Tonight Show" since he took office in January 2009. He was a guest in 2007, and stopped in after he accepted the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 2008. President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and White House senior adviser David Axelrod also have made appearances on the late-night show. Biden's visit could signal that he doesn't hold grudges. During the 2008 presidential campaign, Leno joked that Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin was going off script and making embarrassing statements so often that "her Secret Service code name is now Joe Biden."

### 'Hornet's Nest' on Amazon.com's best for 2010 list

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Halfway into 2010, it's time for a best-of list for books, including the latest blockbuster from Stieg Larsson. The late Swedish author's "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" is among the picks by the editors of Amazon.com for the top 10 releases from January through June. Others include the Patti Smith

memoir "Just Kids," the Karl Marlantes Vietnam novel "Matterhorn" and the Michael Lewis economic crisis best-seller "The Big Short." Amazon.com managing editor of books Daphne Durham calls the list "very global," with settings ranging from China to Baltimore. The list was announced Wednesday. Also on it are Justin Cronin's "The Passage," Lisa Grunwald's "The Irresistible Henry House," Peter Hessler's "Country Driving: A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory," Tom Rachman's "The Imperfectionists," Rebecca Skloot's "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" and Bradley Udall's "The Lonely Polygamist."

### Judge disallows taped confession in slayings case

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)**—A judge says he won't allow a videotaped confession that aired on the crime reality show "The First 48" to be used at the trial of a Memphis man accused of killing six people. Judge James Beasley said Tuesday he disallowed the confession widely seen on the A&E program because other information may have been recorded but not aired that's relevant to the case of Jessie Dotson. Dotson, 35, is awaiting trial in September on six counts of first-degree murder and three counts of attempted murder. Three children survived the March 2008 Memphis house slayings. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Dotson's case garnered national attention in part over his appearance on "The First 48," which recorded the police investigation and aired a confession from Dotson.

### Dean McDermott out of hospital after 'cycle crash

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Dean McDermott is out of the hospital. McDermott, who was being treated last week for a punctured and collapsed lung following a motorcycle accident, was released from the hospital Tuesday afternoon, according to McDermott's publicist, Meghan Prophet. No other details were provided. McDermott and his wife, actress Tori Spelling, star in the Oxygen docu-reality TV show "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood."

### R&B singer, Marvin Gaye mentor Harvey Fuqua dies

**DETROIT (AP)**—Singer, songwriter and record producer Harvey Fuqua, an early mentor of Marvin Gaye, has died. Fuqua was 80. Ron Brewington of the Motown Alumni Association says Fuqua died of a heart attack Tuesday at a Detroit hospital. The Louisville, Ky., native founded the R&B-doo-wop group the Moonglows, which signed with DJ Alan Freed. The group's first single was the 1954 hit "Sincerely." Fuqua added Gaye and others in 1958 to a reconstituted group Fuqua called Harvey and the Moonglows. It had the 1958 hit "Ten Commandments of Love." He started Tri-Phi and Harvey Records in 1961, recording the Spinners, Junior Walker & the All Stars, and Shorty Long. Motown Records founder Berry Gordy later hired Fuqua to develop recording talent.

## Good old days are long gone from deteriorating relationship

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I am an 18-year-old woman and have been with my fiancé for 2 1/2 years. I love him and can't picture my life without him. However, over the last six months he has become emotionally abusive. He's never wrong, gets mad if I disagree with him about anything, and he yells at me over every little thing.

He used to treat me great, and now this. I miss how it used to be, and I cry almost every day. In the past I always told myself I would never put up with something like this, but I have been—and it gets harder every day. I know it's not physical, but emotional abuse counts for something, right? Or am I overreacting? Please give me some advice. I need to know there IS a light at the end of the tunnel.



*Dear Abby*

SAD IN LAS VEGAS

**DEAR SAD:** You're not overreacting. What you are experiencing now is a preview of how the rest of your life will be if you stay with him. When a partner becomes controlling and emotionally abusive, in most cases it's only a matter of time until the physical abuse begins. If you're smart, you will put an end to this NOW. The "light at the end of the tunnel" is the sunshine you'll see once you exit this relationship and slam the door behind you.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Would you please say something about the practice of choosing teams for group games by having team captains select individuals through the process of elimination?

As a child, I was always the person chosen last, and it happened again at a recent community function. I found it just as humiliating and hurtful as an adult.

We were asked to stand and then sit down as our names were called. I was the last person standing in a room of 60 people, and it felt like I had just been pronounced the least popular and desirable person in the room.

THE OUTCAST IN ALLEN PARK, MICH.

**DEAR "OUTCAST":** I'm glad you wrote. When choosing teams for group games, most savvy educators separate students into "odds" and "evens"—or divide them alphabetically—rather than using the old "last man standing" method. That this would happen in a room full of adults shows extreme insensitivity, and I don't blame you for being upset.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mom recently married a man with four daughters whose upbringing was very different than mine. Most of the time the "culture clash" doesn't bother me, except when we get into trouble.

When I stay out after my curfew, I am grounded for two weeks. When they do it, they get a minor scolding. While I understand that we were raised with different standards, I resent it when my punishment is worse than theirs. How can I make this equal?

ANGRY IN THE WEST

**DEAR ANGRY:** Yours is a problem that occurs in many families when they become blended—and you are right; the situation is unfair. That's why I hope you will show this item to your parents. Family counseling can help them arrive at a fair solution and head off resentments before they explode.

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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



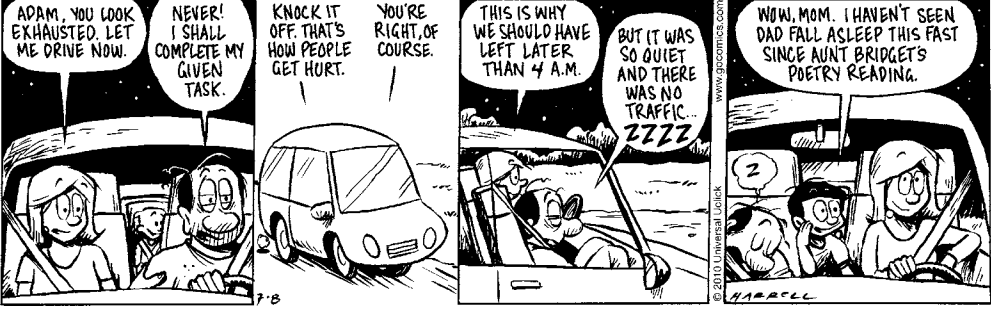
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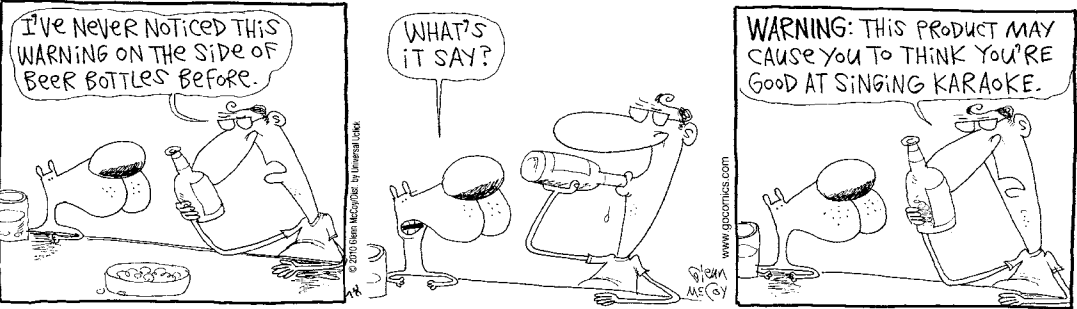
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26 Tease  
28 Entourage  
32 Anger  
34 "Golly!"  
36 Sgt. Snorkel's dog  
37 Wood nymph  
39 "CSI" evidence  
41 Skedad-dled  
42 Tear  
44 Spreads outward

**DOWN**

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3 Tactic  
5 On in years  
6 Untamed  
7 Handle the helm  
8 Imaginary object of fear  
9 Responsibility  
10 Paddock  
11 Poker variety  
16 Atmosphere  
20 Jazz style  
21 Difficult  
22 Culture medium  
23 Wield a shovel  
27 Foundation  
29 Alien  
30 Remain  
31 A very long time  
33 Otagia  
35 Type measures  
38 Not bright  
40 Shock  
43 Turkish bigwig of yore  
45 Mainlander's memento  
46 Sit for a photo  
47 Mimic  
48 "West Side Story" gang  
49 Attempt  
53 Actress Sara  
54 General Arnold of WWII  
55 Belly, slangily

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 7-8**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Sophia Bush, 28; Toby Keith, 49; Kevin Bacon, 52; Anjelica Huston, 59

**Happy Birthday:** Expect your awareness, fortitude and ability to make things happen but also to bring about added responsibility and dependency. Thinking and acting fast will show others that you have learned from your mistakes and now know what's required to get ahead and to change whatever isn't working for you. Letting go will become easier and will lead to progress. Your numbers are 9, 13, 20, 27, 31, 35, 47

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Just when you think things are going to turn out one way, they go the other way. Although nothing is a sure thing, you will still manage to adapt to whatever challenges you face. You will have the strength, courage and discipline you need. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Join forces with people you get along with and who have the same goals in mind. Friends, neighbors and relatives will offer support and suggestions that can make your life easier. Responsible actions will bring positive change. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Not everyone will agree with the way you want to do things. Be honest about what you need and you will surpass any of the negativity. Uncertainty revolving around children or those dependent on you can be resolved with the help of relatives or neighbors. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Subconsciously, you already know the answer you are looking for. It's your reluctance

to make a move that is holding you back. Surprise everyone by taking action. Once you get started, you will find it isn't as difficult as you imagined. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Money can be made if you aren't afraid to try something new or invest in a creative idea. If someone owes you, it's a good time to collect. Don't waste money traveling unnecessarily. \*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Offering help may seem like the best idea but don't get taken for granted. Paying for someone else's mistake will not fix the underlying problem. Moderation, listening and offering suggestions will keep you in the loop. \*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take a deep breath and let everything come to a standstill if you have to in order to rethink your strategy. It's time to take matters into your own hands and to do the work yourself instead of trying to get others to do it for you. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** This is not the time to underestimate what you are capable of or to let someone else take the lead when you can do a better job. Your observations will be your guide to fine-tuning any project you are pursuing. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Alter your living quarters or make a move that will give you greater freedom or more space. The changes you make now will encourage you to take on new projects and to interact with people who have more to offer you personally and professionally. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let anyone dictate what's going to happen next. Take hold of your world and make the decisions needed. An investment being offered is probably not as sound as someone wants you to believe. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** It's up to you to take care of your own well-being and to move in a direction of personal and professional gains. Don't let a poor relationship lead to poor decisions. Discard whatever is holding you back. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Make alterations that will improve your position, your home and your lifestyle. Speak up about the way you feel and how you see things unfolding. Networking and socializing should be your goal. \*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You have strength, courage and insight. You are responsible, caring and willing to lend a helping hand.

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**Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green**

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**Saturday's SUDOKU Answer**

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# Armstrong loses time in bumpy 3rd stage of Tour



**ARENBERG, France (AP)**—Just four days into the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong is off to a rough start.

On the cobblestones in Tuesday's third stage, on which he had been expected to excel, the seven-time champ instead popped a tire, lost time changing it, and fell back of his main rivals.

The 132-mile ride from Wanze, Belgium, to Arenberg Porte du Hainaut in France was the most dreaded stage of Week One—with seven sections of bone-jarring cobblestones that threatened injury, bike damage or lost time for title contenders.

Thor Hushovd of Norway, leading a six-man group, won the stage in a final sprint. Fabian Cancellara, the Swiss rider who won the prologue, was right behind—and recovered the leader's yellow jersey he had ceded Monday to Frenchman Sylvain Chavanel.

For Armstrong, the bigger threats are riders such as defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain, 2009 runner-up Andy Schleck of Luxembourg and two-time runner-up Cadel Evans of Australia.

They all leapfrogged the 38-year-old Texan. They will be tough to overcome when the next big challenges await in the Alps in Week Two and a punishing four-day run in the Pyrenees in Week Three.

"Our chances took a knock today," Armstrong said. "I'm not going home, we'll stay in the race and keep trying."

Astana team leader Contador avoided disaster, and rode the last 18 miles with the brake jammed against his rear wheel.

"I knew that if I changed the bike would be much worse and I preferred to continue with the wheel braking," he said. "I couldn't stand up, but hey, we saved the day."

Schleck was fifth in the stage, clocking the same time as Hushovd: 4 hours, 49 minutes, 38 seconds. In the splintered pack, Contador was 13th, 1 minute, 13 seconds back. Armstrong placed 32nd - 2:08 behind.

Overall, Cancellara leads Geraint Thomas by 23 seconds, and two-time Tour runner-up Evans is third: 39 seconds back. Contador is ninth, 1:40 back, Schleck is sixth, 1:19 back and Armstrong sank to 18th, 2:30 back, after entering the day in fifth overall.

The cobblestones stage, the first at the Tour since 2004, followed two straight stages marred by crashes on slick roads that caught up Contador, Schleck and Armstrong.

Organizers took a gamble by running the riders over the treacherous, roughhewn stones, hoping to inject drama to the race. The move appeared to be vindicated.

"I'm not sure I'm a fan of the cobblestones in the Tour de France," said Bjarne Riis, the Saxo Bank team manager, "but it was a spectacular race."

Armstrong, who has dealt with cancer, will have to prove that at 38, he's still got some fight in him if he wants to win.

Armstrong began the stage ahead of his general classification rivals. Now, he trails them: Contador is 50 seconds ahead, Evans is nearly 2 minutes ahead. Britain's Bradley Wiggins has 41 seconds on Armstrong.

They're likely to pounce if Armstrong tries to get in the front now. It's a far cry from his heyday, when he methodically worked to ensure his rivals were eating his dust from the outset.



Lance Armstrong of the US, center, and Alberto Contador of Spain, right of Armstrong, ride on a cobblestone section during the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 213 kilometers (132.4 miles) with start in Wanze, Belgium and finish in Arenberg, France, Tuesday July 6, 2010.

"Bad luck," Armstrong said of his mishap.

Some had worse luck: Andy Schleck's brother Frank, in the middle of the Sars-et-Rosieres patch—the fourth run of cobbles—hurtled off his bike and onto the side of the road, and did not get up, crouching in pain on the ground. He was taken to a hospital where he was diagnosed with a broken left collarbone.

After that spill, the pack splintered. Armstrong had a small lead over Contador after the fifth section, but then he punctured his tire in the sixth and the Spaniard's group rumbled by him until

the Texan got a replacement.

"It's very frustrating," he said. "I'm not going to make any excuses. I was in good position ... there was the crash that split the group, we hung tough and tried to come back and just got a flat tire at the wrong moment."

"A 45-second wheel change, and they're gone, he added. "It was very difficult to come back."

Armstrong had predicted "carnage" during the stage, and many riders anticipated that some ambitions of victory could be all but lost.

Among the contenders, Armstrong

lost out most on the day. The big winners were Evans, who jumped to the front of race contenders who are expected to far well in the mountains, and Contador—whose abilities on the cobblestones were uncertain.

Armstrong had no hard feelings that the pack didn't wait for him like it had on Monday, when he and several other top contenders crashed—prompting the Cancellara-led bunch to slow down.

"It's pro bike racing, it's dog eat dog," Armstrong said. "One day you're the peace maker and the rational mind, and the next day you're taking advan-

tage of every opportunity."

Cancellara, a teammate of the Schlecks who won the opening-day prologue, expressed "mixed feeling" about the day but was delighted to retrieve the leader's jersey.

"Yesterday I gave it up, today I took it," he said. "We can call it a good day for Saxo Bank despite the loss of Frank, a great friend."

Seven riders broke away early. Getting out front in such a stage doesn't just improve chances for a stage victory, it also can help avoid crashes—which are more likely in the frenzied pack.

Armstrong's RadioShack team led the pack over the first bumps, with crowds getting up close but respecting a safe enough distance for the riders to get through.

At the second patch, dust flew as some riders sought to evade the cobblestones by riding on the dry dirt on the side—but again, no riders went down. This time, the crowds kept back.

Chavanel wore the yellow jersey for Tuesday's ride into his home country, but he had to cope with two flat tires, along with a mechanical problem, and lost time on Cancellara.

The pack could get a more restful day on Wednesday, with a mostly flat 95-mile course from Cambrai to Reims, the capital of Champagne country.

Despite his setback Tuesday, Armstrong noted there's still a lot of racing left in the three-week race, which heads toward the Alps and later the Pyrenees before the Paris finish on July 25.

"It's the nature of the sport," he said. "Sometimes you're the hammer, sometimes you're the nail. Today I was the nail. I have 20 days now to be the hammer."

## After week of waiting, NBA picture may be changing

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**MIAMI (AP)**—After a week, there are now real signs that the NBA's waiting game might soon be ending.

LeBron James has reportedly blinked.

Now Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh almost certainly are near the end of their free-agent roads as well.

ESPN's Chris Broussard, citing anonymous "independent sources," reported Tuesday night that James will announce his future NBA plans during a one-hour special on the network at 9 p.m. Thursday, with proceeds from ad revenue going to charity. Broussard said James' "representatives" contacted ESPN and asked for the unusual arrangement, which neither the network nor the two-time MVP's circle would confirm.

Still, that was the clearest indicator yet that what might go down as the most celebrated free-agent period in the history of sports—built entirely around the incessant speculation about James, Wade and Bosh—is nearing a dramatic end.

"It's either going to happen quickly," Bosh told The Associated Press on the eve of free agency, "or it's not."

It hasn't happened quickly.

But now that James has apparently circled a date on his calendar, things would figure to start moving that way. That would be fantastic news, not only for the team or teams that land the members of the NBA's juggernaut trio,

but the 150 or so other free agents who are essentially hostages in this tete-a-tete between stars and suitors.

"I think, obviously, we know who the guys are who are the biggest free agents," said guard Chris Quinn, who ended last season with New Jersey before hitting the open market. "A lot depends on what they do. There's a lot of other players who are free agents who are looking for jobs and working hard and want to get on a good team and win."

Through Tuesday night, only one so-called marquee guy had picked a new team, Amare Stoudemire leaving Phoenix for the Knicks.

Even something like that didn't register a giant blip across the NBA.

Instead, the waiting game reigned. And by the time James' news broke Tuesday night, Stoudemire almost seemed like ancient history.

"Getting closer," is the cryptic message on James' website.

Unless it's the Heat, Cavaliers, Bulls, Knicks, Nets or Raptors, there seems to be almost a sense of ennui across the rest of the league when it comes to the sweepstakes involving James, Bosh and Wade.

It's certainly an unusual time: One corner of the league is waiting to see what the Big 3 will do, and the rest are just trying to improve their own teams.

"It's been going on for a year, guys," Orlando Magic general manager Otis Smith said. "It's kind of hard for me to pay attention this week."

Kind of hard for many teams not

to, either.

"I'm tired of hearing about all that, to be honest with you," New Orleans Hornets coach Monty Williams said. "It's overblown, and we've been talking about it for two years."

Monty, the end could be near.

Bosh said just before the July 1 start of freeagentmania that he was eager to get the process over with, even indicating that he could reveal his decision before Wade or James announced theirs. Which, now, almost makes sense, in that both Wade and James would like to have Bosh alongside them for years to come in Cleveland, Miami or some other NBA city.

His decision clearly affects both, which even the casual NBA observer surely has realized in recent days.

If Bosh picks Miami, it would immediately ensure that Wade takes the Heat offer of a six-year deal that could be worth around \$127 million. If Bosh decides he wants to go to Cleveland and play with James, that might send Wade looking to play in Chicago. If Bosh picks a wild-card city—say Houston—both James and Wade would start recruiting someone else to team with, possibly each other.

And then there's the chance that they all could play together, a scenario that almost certainly could only happen in Miami.

"This summer," Wade said back in April, "is about sharing."

Sharing the spotlight, perhaps?

Agent Henry Thomas, who represents both Bosh and Wade, says his

clients are "getting closer"—the exact wording James has on his website.

"We are all becoming weary!" Thomas wrote in an e-mail to The AP.

Wade didn't make any statements about free agency when he appeared at his youth basketball camp on Tuesday. James hasn't said much of anything in weeks, although nearly 200,000 people signed up for his newly launched Twitter feed on Tuesday.

"Hello World," is how James' first Tweet began.

The rest of the NBA might have preferred a "Hello, Unnamed Team That I Will Sign A Contract With" Tweet, though.

This much is known: Bosh, James and Wade have all talked about playing with each other. How those conversations went was a mystery, one that would figure to be solved soon enough.

"These guys are all talking to each other," Knicks president Donnie Walsh said this week, "so my feeling is they would all want to play with each other."

That's all anyone has at this point: A feeling.

"Predicting any of that," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said, "is almost impossible."

With each day that passes, the anticipation grows. At least now, a summit is in sight.

"It's just a big summer in general for the NBA," Quinn said. "A lot of excitement for different teams and different players going different places."

Soon, the big picture will become much clearer.



# Diaz, Hinske power Braves past Phillies in 11



## PHILADELPHIA

(AP)—Matt Diaz hit a tiebreaking double in the 11th inning and Eric Hinske added a two-run homer as the National League East-leading Atlanta Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-3 on Tuesday.

Yunel Escobar singled off David Herndon (0-2) to start the 11th and scored when Diaz ripped a liner to the gap in right-center. Hinske connected two outs later.

Jesse Chavez (1-1) pitched a scoreless 10th to earn the win. Billy Wagner finished for his 18th save.

The two-time NL champion Phillies fell five games behind the Braves.

## Nationals 6, Padres 5

At Washington, Ryan Zimmerman hit his second homer of the game in the bottom of the ninth inning with a shot to center field off Luke Gregerson to give Washington the win over San Diego.

Zimmerman hit an 0-1 fastball from Gregerson (2-4) over the wall in center. He had earlier homered in the fourth for the Padres, who had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Ian Desmond also connected, giving the Nationals their fourth three-homer game of the season.

## Mets 3, Reds 0

At New York, Johan Santana hit his first major league home run and provided his own run support while pitching a three-hitter in New York's win over Cincinnati.

Santana, a .166 lifetime hitter, steamed around the bases after capping a tenacious 12-pitch at-bat with his first homer in 182 career at-bats.

He struck out five and walked three in his seventh career shutout and first since 2008.

## Giants 6, Brewers 1

At Milwaukee, San Francisco's heralded 20-year-old rookie Madison Bumgarner gave up three hits in eight shutout innings for his first major-league win.

The left-hander, in his fourth major league start and third of the season, gave up three singles, struck out five and walked three. Bumgarner (1-2) picked up his first career RBI as part of a five-run Giants sixth.

## Astros 6, Pirates 2

At Houston, Wandy Rodriguez struck out 10 and allowed four singles in seven innings as Houston beat Pittsburgh to snap a three-game losing streak.

Carlos Lee and Lance Berkman homered and Michael Bourn scored two runs for the Astros, who have won all four meetings with the Pirates this season.

Rodriguez (6-10) finished one strike-out shy of his career-high, which he last reached almost exactly a year ago against Pittsburgh. He gave up two walks, both in the first inning, and won his third straight start.

## Rays 3, Red Sox 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay's bullpen shut down the Boston Red Sox for the second day in a row as the Rays won.

Tampa Bay starter Jeff Niemann (7-2) pitched six strong innings, giving up only one unearned run, to notch his first win in a month.

Jason Bartlett drove in Tampa Bay's first run with a single off Felix



Atlanta Braves' Eric Hinske, left and Matt Diaz celebrate after Hinske two-run home against the Philadelphia Phillies in the eleventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Doubront (1-1) in the third. Sean Rodriguez tripled and scored on John Jaso's grounder, giving the Rays a 2-1 lead in the fifth.

Carl Crawford's solo homer added an insurance run in the eighth.

## Yankees 6, Athletics 1

In Oakland, New York's Alex Rodriguez hit his 21st career grand slam and added a solo shot for his 597th home run, helping beat Oakland.

Rodriguez connected with the bases loaded in the third inning to tie Manny Ramirez for the second most slams, then went deep again in the sixth off Trevor Cahill (8-3) to lead the Yankees to their fourth straight win.

A-Rod has 21 home runs at the Coliseum, the most by a visiting player.

New York starter C.C. Sabathia (11-3) won his seventh straight, allowing only one run in 7 2-3 innings.

## White Sox 4, Angels 1

In Chicago, Andruw Jones hit his 399th career home run as Chicago beat Los Angeles.

The White Sox won despite losing starter Jake Peavy in the second inning because of a back injury.

Alex Rios added a solo homer and drove in two runs for Chicago, which moved to a season-high six games over .500.

White Sox reliever Tony Pena (2-1) picked up the win, allowing one run in 4 1-3 innings.

Torii Hunter had three singles for the Angels.

## Twins 7, Blue Jays 6

In Toronto, Denard Span drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the eighth inning for Minnesota to edge Toronto.

Delmon Young led off the eighth with a single off Jason Frasor (3-2). After a sacrifice, Scott Downs came on to face Span and allowed his RBI single to center. Young went 3 for 3 with an RBI and an intentional walk and is batting .363 since June 3.

Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau and Jason Kubel homered for the Twins.

Minnesota reliever Jose Mijares (1-0) retired two batters for the win. Jon Rauch worked the ninth for his 19th save.

Edwin Encarnacion, Lyle Overbay and Dewayne Wise homered for the Blue Jays, who lead the major leagues with 123.

## Rangers 12, Indians 1

In Arlington, Josh Hamilton homered to stretch his home hitting streak to 26 games as Texas thrashed Cleveland.

C.J. Wilson (7-4) pitched six strong innings for Texas, allowing one run.

Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer in a five-run sixth inning. Nelson Cruz and David Murphy also went deep, and Joaquin Arias had a career-high four RBIs for Texas.

The game was delayed for 16 minutes in the fifth inning when a fan fell about 30 feet from the second deck while attempting to catch a foul ball. The team said he was "able to move all his extremities and was responsive to paramedics."

Jayson Nix homered for Cleveland, going long for the third time in a span of five at-bats.

## Royals 3, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Kansas City starter Zack Greinke allowed two hits over seven innings and continued his mastery of Seattle.

Greinke (5-8) is 4-0 with a 1.64 ERA in 10 career appearances against the Mariners.

Wilson Betemit drove in all the runs for the Royals on a fifth-inning home run, a two-out, bases-loaded infield single in the sixth and a two-out RBI single in the eighth.

Joakim Soria worked the ninth to pick up his major league-leading 24th save.

## Tigers 7, Orioles 5, 11 innings

In Detroit, Johnny Damon followed his 2,500th career hit with a game-winning homer in the 11th inning to lift Detroit over Baltimore.

Austin Jackson led off the inning with a single off David Hernandez (3-7) and Damon followed with a long homer to right. Damon singled in the third inning for his 2,500th hit.

Detroit's Ryan Perry (2-4) got the win with a scoreless inning of relief.

The Tigers trailed 4-1 going into the eighth, but Miguel Cabrera led off with a triple and scored on Brennan Boesch's single. Brandon Inge's one-out triple scored Boesch to make it 4-3.

## Fitzgerald's camp turns MN into hot spot



**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Larry Fitzgerald remembers a time not long ago when he was a wide-eyed youngster learning how All-Pros like Cris Carter and Randy Moss perfected the art of preparation.

Growing up in Minneapolis, Fitzgerald was a ball boy for those talented Minnesota Vikings teams of the late 1990s. As he matured into quite a prospect in his own right, Fitzgerald would fly to Florida in the summer to work with Carter and Moss and see how two elite receivers prepared themselves for the grueling NFL season.

"I was able to see Randy Moss and Daunte Culpepper and Robert Smith and so many other very talented players working and you saw them on Sunday making all these spectacular plays," Fitzgerald said Tuesday. "But you saw the foundation was built out there on the practice field working."

Now entering his seventh NFL season, Fitzgerald has turned into the mentor and turned his hometown into the place to be for professional pass catchers in the weeks before training camp begins in August. With a star-studded list of instructors, Fitzgerald invites players of varying experience to train with him at the University of Minnesota.

What started as a group of about five or six players a few years ago has swelled to about 40 athletes, all working on an efficient and demanding routine that lasts for three weeks.

Greg Jennings, Brandon Marshall and Sidney Rice have participated in the past. On Tuesday, Green Bay tight end Jermichael Finley, Seattle rookie Golden Tate, New Orleans defensive back Malcolm Jenkins, St. Louis linebacker James Laurinaitis and Vikings quarterback Tarvaris Jackson were among those in the group, which changes from week to week.

"As young as he is to have the ability to influence as many guys as he has, coming here to work out with him, it's incredible," said Michael Irvin, a guest instructor this year. "He has a mission to continue to do what he does. And those guys are looking up to him. Most guys don't get this until after they're out of the league. Very few do this. It speaks to his maturity."

Fitzgerald's workout, coordinated with his longtime trainer, Bill Welle, is an exhausting regimen that includes agility, footwork and conditioning drills and is followed by route-running and pass-catching.

Legends like Jerry Rice, Carter and Irvin stop in to help teach youngsters like Tate and Denver rookie Eric Decker the tricks of the trade. One of Irvin's lessons, for instance, was for receivers to anticipate the snap count rather than waiting to hear it from the quarterback to gain a split-second in the never-ending search for an edge.

"You see how people are evolving at the position," Irvin said. "We hear quarterbacks being students of the game and they get credit for it all the time. But if a quarterback is going to have success, he's going to have to

have a receiver that's exactly what he is—a student of the game."

Tate jumped at the chance to get some pointers on what to expect coming out of Notre Dame.

"Anything right now, as a young guy, to better my game I want to do," Tate said. "That's exactly why I came out here. Michael Irvin, Hall of Famer. Larry's going to be a Hall of Famer at some point and is one of the best receivers in the game right now."

Finley decided to come after receiving a rave review from his teammate Jennings, who came last year.

"You've got Hall of Famers out here and Pro Bowlers," Finley said. "Everybody can learn from everybody. That's what I did. I just came out here, listened to Mike and took things from him. I'm going to go with it and see what I can do."

As Fitzgerald walked off the field, a fourth-grader who accompanied Irvin on the trip was right on his heels, literally following in every footstep the four-time Pro Bowler took on the way to the weight room. He's become a role model off the field and one of the most feared receivers in the game on it.

So there's no stopping now.

"I notice the better I've been able to get and the more respect I get from my peers and the people around you, the bigger bulls' eye that's on your back," Fitzgerald said. "So you have to continue to raise your level of play and your work ethic has to continue to get better because guys every week are (saying), 'Hey, I have to stop Larry Fitzgerald. I can't let him do this.'"



# ROP 9: Indestructible set for July 30

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With Rites Of Passage 9: Indestructible set to hit the Saipan World Resort on July 30, local fighters from Saipan and Tinian as well as fighters from Guam have been training hard and preparing for battle to compete inside the octagon cage.

So far, 13 fights are listed on the card, 10 of which include Tinian fighters.

Tickets for ROP 9 will be on sale soon. Trench Tech wants to remind all fight fans that in light of the payless paydays and the

economic slump, tickets for this event will be just \$20 for all seats.

“It is our way of giving back to all the awesome Trench Warz fans for all their support throughout the years,” said Trench Tech’s Cuki Alvarez.

ROP 9 kicks off with a 145-lb. match up between Tinian’s Pete Ayuyu and Guam’s Pete Alvarez.

Tinian’s Conrad Manglona will then go toe-to-toe against Saipan’s Josh “Crush” Martin in a 155-lb. bout followed by Tinian’s Craig Borja who is sched-

uled take on a fighter who has yet to be announced.

Tinian’s Zack Rhodes will then be pitted against Saipan’s Joe “Da Combo” Duenas in a 130-lb match.

Next in a 135-lb. bout, Tinian’s Jerry Mundo will fight Saipan’s Josh Cruz.

Then in a 140-lb. K-1 kickboxing match, Tinian’s Juanito Mundo will challenge Saipan’s Jacob Ilo followed by a 150-lb. bout between Saipan’s Prescott Cabrera and Tinian’s George Manglona.

Next on the card is a 135-lb.

featherweight superfight between Saipan fighters “Tabi” Jay Muna and “Badd” Brad Palacios.

After the featherweights, part one of the double main event is then scheduled between Syl “Da-Deal” Teregeyo and “No Way” Jose Mafnas in a 190-lb. matchup.

The second main event is up next between Guam’s Matt “Hitman” Manibusan and Saipan’s Fasi “Quikdraw” Jesse in a 160-lb. fight.

After the main events, will be a 205-lb. heavyweight showdown between Saipan’s Sully “Heavy Legs” Stone and Tin-

ian’s Josh Sanchez.

Then Tinian’s Dennis Pua is also listed on the fight card, but his opponent is still to be announced.

ROP 9 concludes with a 140-lb. bout between Tinian’s

Manny Cepeda and Saipan’s Victor Norita.

Trench Tech Promotions is also looking for lady fighters as well. Anyone interested in fighting inside octagon can call 483-4MMA.

## Liberation Day softball tourney set

A weekend Liberation Day Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament—for both men and women—is scheduled for July 9, 10, and 11, at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

For interested coaches, managers, and/or teams representatives, a final meeting will be held 6:30pm tonight at the pavilion behind the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Additionally, all participating teams’ waivers and entrance fees of \$150 per team will also be due by the end of the meeting.

For more information, contact Alkantro G. Sarapio at 322-0422, Frank Shiro at 287-3732, Clair Sablan at 287-7352, or Tony Luzama at 256-0141. *(Walter Sutherland)*

## NETHERLANDS

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was such a moment to savor that most of the squad made a curtain call nearly an hour after the biggest Netherlands victory in decades, leading about 1,000 orange-clad fans in cheers that figure to last until Sunday.

That’s when the Dutch play either Spain or Germany for the championship of the world.

“If you win the final, you make yourself immortal, at least in our country,” Robben said. “We will do everything we can to take the Cup back.”

Long wasteful with its soccer talent, the Netherlands sure has found the right touch in this tournament.

Stars Wesley Sneijder and Robben scored three minutes apart in the second half as the Netherlands advanced to its first title match since losing in 1978 to Argentina.

“We are so close,” Sneijder said. “There is nothing bigger than the World Cup.”

And nothing better than sharing it with their countrymen.

So out came Robben, Sneijder and their teammates long

after the final whistle, to join the celebration in an empty stadium—empty except for that rollicking section of fans still singing Dutch songs, waving flags, and bowing in unison. The players joined in from the field, several on the shoulders of others, some taking photos. Back home in Amsterdam, the victory touched off mass celebrations, too.

Winners of all six games in South Africa, 10 in a row overall and in the midst of a 25-match unbeaten streak, the Dutch have the look of champions—with an Oranje hue, of course.

“This is unforgettable,” said Sneijder, now tied with Spain’s David Villa for top scorer at the tournament (five goals). “It was a tough fight and toward the end we complicated matters.”

“Sunday we play in the World Cup final. I have to get used to that.”

Besides the loss to Argentina in ‘78, the Netherlands fell in its only other appearance in the final, to West Germany in 1974.

Both of those title-game defeats came during the golden period of Dutch soccer, and in the opposition’s homeland. No such worries this time, and no

country outside of Africa has had as much fan support as the Netherlands.

Inside Green Point Stadium it looked like a Florida orange grove. Outside, a Netherlands fan in a blue and white bodysuit stood on stilts and played a vuvuzela—badly. It was about the only thing that didn’t measure up for the Dutch.

And a tournament that looked like a South American fiesta early on will end in a European showdown for the second straight World Cup. Sneijder and Robben made sure of that.

Sneijder’s goal came somewhat unexpectedly because Uruguay had shut down the Dutch offense for much of the second half. His left-footed shot from just inside the penalty area barely ticked the leg of defender Maximiliano Pereira and, with Robin van Persie almost deflecting it again, the ball skidded past goalkeeper Fernando Muslera.

Then Robben sent a cross from Dirk Kuyt past a flat-footed Muslera with a brilliant header. His teammates piled on in an Oranje Crush celebration, and Robben came up from it mud-died and merry—and with the

knowledge that, ahead 3-1, the Netherlands was likely headed to the championship match.

Uruguay was without dangerous striker Luis Suarez, whose handball on the goal line in the final seconds of extra time against Ghana saved his team in the quarterfinals. He drew a red card for that, and spent his suspension on the bench watching his undermanned teammates come up just short.

Pereira made the Netherlands sweat with a goal in injury time, and Stekelenburg’s late save preserved the biggest Dutch win in decades. The Dutch have now won 10 straight and are unbeaten in their last 25 games.

Robben was replaced late in the match, and at the final whistle he fell flat to the turf as he ran back onto the pitch. Mark van Bommel hustled over to where the ball came to rest, picked it up and hugged it. His teammates then began a joyous stroll around the field, some of them barechested, as the vuvuzelas blared and Dutch flags waved in the stands.

“This is very special,” Van Marwijk said. “After 32 years we play the final again. Such a small country! We can be very

proud of this.”

The Jabulani ball Van Bommel grabbed has been a source of criticism for its unpredictability, particularly the way it can soar. When Giovanni Van Bronckhorst, a true defensive halfback, puts one in from 30 yards off the far goalpost, well, let the debate begin again.

The Dutch captain gave his team the lead in the 18th minute, and the Oranje pressed for more, but when they let up slightly on defense, the superb Diego Forlan pounced. He was

given far too much open space in the middle of the field and, from just under 30 yards, his left-footed drive went off goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg’s hand and into the net.

Stekelenburg was screened just enough by defender John Heitinga and didn’t get a good view of the ball until it was too late.

While several Dutch players threw up their hands in frustration, Forlan celebrated his fourth goal of the tournament with a suave wave of his arm. Suarez leaped off the bench in jubilation.

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es on time. The CNMI Junior Division team won the championship in 2009 and it is really good news to hear that they will have an opportunity to defend their title.

The Senior and Big Divisions’ schedule start on Sunday and those teams will be leaving on Friday.

As a result of the lack of funding, only players and coaches will be making the trip and league officials will have to stay home. Additionally, the players will have to provide their own incidental expense money.

The CNMI Majors will compete in Pool A along with Chinese-Taipei, Guam, Indonesia, Korea, and Thailand. Pool B is

made up of Hong Kong, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam.

On Saturday, July 10, at noon Indonesia time, the CNMI Majors will challenge Chinese-Taipei. Then on Sunday they will take on Indonesia at 11am. They will next face Korea on Monday at 8am, Thailand at 2pm on Tuesday, and then challenge Guam at 2pm on Wednesday.

From there, the teams with the best win-loss records in both pools will battle it out on Thursday at 10am for the 2010 Asia-Pacific Regional Championship, where the winners will advance to the Little League Baseball World Series.

Other game schedules for the Junior, Senior, and Big divisions were not available as of press time.

## WINGS

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delayed twice due to rain with the last one in the remaining 3:08 mark of the third period with the former on top, 45-43.

When the game resumed, Amor Casabuena announced his presence in the match with back-to-back triples for Magic’s 51-45 lead.

However, Magic run out of tricks to protect its lead, while Itaas began hitting his mark in the fourth quarter and in the

extension period.

In the first game, Cargo Express outgunned the Brothers in the fourth quarter for an easy 81-66 win.

The match ended in a deadlock in the third canto, 49-all, but Cargo Express outscored the Brothers in the fourth, 32-17, for a 15-point winning margin.

Cargo Express began pulling away when it started drilling triples in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. Jay Diyco had two triples in the fourth, while J.R. Cadag made one.

Nomer Arcangel and Joseph Galulu later joined the scoring spree, combining for 15 points in the final canto.

White Capalad paced Cargo Express with 22 points, while Galulu chipped in 18, and Arcangel and Diyco added 14 and 11, respectively.

Jeff Pagarao led the Brothers with 14 points.

**First Game**  
**Cargo Express 81** – Capalad 22, Galulu 18, Arcangel 14, Diyco 11, Isip 6, Jose 5.  
**Brothers 66** – Pagarao 14,

Inos 13, Camacho 12, Detera 12, Brillo 7, Cortez 6, Dela Cruz 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-13, 33-34, 49-49, 81-66.

**Second Game**  
**Wings Travel 81** – Itaas 21, Dayrit 18, Gamboa 15, Manalo 11, Morales 5, Olivos 4, Hilario 2, Engelhardt 2, Herrera 1.  
**Magic 78** – Aquino 24, Capalad 23, Casabuena 8, Libuw 6, Cabanas 5, Vargas 2, Fernandez 2, Ramirez 2, Olivos 2.  
**Scoring by quarters:** 11-12, 35-35, 45-51, 65-65, 81-78 (OT).

## HEO

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ing points after making it to the Round of 16.

In New Caledonia, Heo won his first two matches to advance to the quarterfinals where he lost to Sam Matheson of New Zealand, 6-7, 4-6. Before bowing to the Kiwi netter, Heo prevailed in his opening match in Noumea against Japan’s Yo-

hei Otsuka, 6-3, 6-2, and then notched back-to-back wins, following a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Mitchell McDonald.

More ranking points await Heo this summer, as he heads to Australia tomorrow.

In Australia, the Marianas High School graduate will be competing in the Queensland Junior ITF International 1 and 2. The first week of the tournament in Queensland will run from July 12 to 17, while the

second week is scheduled from July 19 to 24. Heo is seeded in both tournaments and will play in singles and doubles divisions.

The two tournaments in Queensland are both Grade 4 events, which award 40 ranking points to the champion, 30 to runner-up, 20 to semifinalists, 15 to quarterfinalists, and 10 to losers in Round of 16.

The CNMI netter will need as many ranking points as he can get, as he is hoping to join

the U.S. Open junior division this year.

To make it to the main draw of the U.S. Open, one must be in the Top 300 rankings. There will be a qualifying tournament and Heo hopes he can compete in the trial. The qualifier will start on Sept. 3, while the tournament proper will kick off on Sept. 6 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park, Flushing, New York.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS					Central Division				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					Cincinnati	48	37	.565	—
East Division					St. Louis	45	38	.542	2
W	L	Pct	GB		Chicago	37	47	.440	10 1/2
New York	52	31	.627	—	Milwaukee	37	47	.440	10 1/2
Tampa Bay	50	33	.602	2	Houston	33	51	.393	14 1/2
Boston	49	35	.583	3 1/2	Pittsburgh	30	53	.361	17
Toronto	41	43	.488	11 1/2	West Division				
Baltimore	25	58	.301	27	San Diego	49	34	.590	—
Central Division					Los Angeles	46	37	.554	3
Detroit	45	37	.549	—	Colorado	45	38	.542	4
Minnesota	45	38	.542	1/2	San Francisco	43	40	.518	6
Chicago	44	38	.537	1	Arizona	32	52	.381	17 1/2
Kansas City	38	46	.452	8	Yesterday's Games				
Cleveland	33	50	.398	12 1/2	Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings				
West Division					Washington 6, San Diego 5				
Texas	49	34	.590	—	N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 0				
Los Angeles	46	40	.535	4 1/2	Houston 6, Pittsburgh 2				
Oakland	41	44	.482	9	San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 1				
Seattle	34	49	.410	15	Colorado 12, St. Louis 9				
NATIONAL LEAGUE					Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 4				
East Division					L.A. Dodgers 7, Florida 3				
Atlanta	49	35	.583	—	Detroit 7, Baltimore 5 innings				
New York	47	37	.560	2	Minnesota 7, Toronto 6				
Philadelphia	43	39	.524	5	Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2				
Florida	39	44	.470	9 1/2	Texas 12, Cleveland 1				
Washington	37	47	.440	12	Chicago White Sox 4, L.A. Angels 1				
					N.Y. Yankees 6, Oakland 1				
					Kansas City 3, Seattle 2				

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# 2010 UBA Youth League U15 Finals

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Rollers' Savali Talalemoto beats a Sonics player for the rebound during their championship game in the U15 division of the 2010 UBA Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The Sonics' Jack Aranda dribbles out of Rollers defenders.



The Sonics' Christian Mizer pulls up for a jumper.



Rollers and Sonics players fight for possession.



Sonics and Rollers players battle for the loose ball.



Rollers' Michael Mancao rams into the defense of a Sonics player.



A Rollers player falls on floor while trying to battle for the leather against a Sonics defender.



Rollers' David Diaz loses the ball.



Tracy Macaranas goes up for a shot against a Sonics defender.



Rollers' Angelo Limes goes for a layup.



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## CNMI All-Stars off to Indonesia

### » 'Miracle' funding allows trip to Regionals

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The CNMI All-Stars will get to compete in the 2010 Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament in Indonesia after all as the Saipan Little League Baseball Association was finally able to secure funding yesterday from the government.

CNMI District Administrator James Ada met with Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos and members of the Legislature Wednesday morning. The meeting centered around funding for the Little League tourney in Indonesia and, this time, enough money to pay for the trip miraculously appeared at the very last second.

Another meeting was held at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium Tuesday night where Little League officials informed players, parents, and others involved in the organization that as of that time, there was exactly zero funding for any of the four teams—Major, Junior, Senior, and Big League—to take part in



Ada

the Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament.

Initially, the local Little League organization estimated the total cost of the trip to be \$157,000, and even though they all have to leave late, in separate groups with less money than



the requested amount, at least all four teams will in fact get to represent the CNMI in the regional competition after sweeping the Little League District Tournament, held on Tinian, back in June.

The Majors Division Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament takes place from July 10 to 15 in Surabaya, Indonesia and consists of 11 total teams in two different pools. Surabaya is about a 13-hour drive out of Jakarta, the country's capital.

CNMI teams from the Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions will be competing in Jakarta for a chance to advance to the 2010 Little League Baseball World Series Tournament set this August in the U.S.

The first games for the Majors and the Junior Divisions starts on Saturday and those teams will be leaving today in order to compete in their first match-

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## Wings Travel slips past Magic in OT

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Leo Itaas scored seven points in overtime to lift Wings Travel to an 81-78 overtime win against Magic in the

rain-delayed second game in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament last Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Itaas, who was held to two field goals in the first half, canned a triple in overtime and then nailed Wings Travel's last four points in the game for a three-point win. Itaas finished with a team-high 21 points and also helped Wings Travel overcome a 45-51 third-quarter deficit after firing 10 markers in the fourth canto. He scored five of Wings Travel's last five points in the fourth period, which ended in a 65-all count.

The game went in overtime after Capalad made Magic's last three points and Joy Dayrit scored Wings Travel's last bucket in the fourth.

Dayrit then opened the extension period with another two-pointer, while Itaas hit a triple and followed by Dayrit's back-to-back baskets. Ron Gamboa, who made his first point in overtime off a split free throw nailed a field goal before Itaas finished the game with four straight points.

Magic had only Capalad and Aquino lighting up the scoreboard in overtime. Capalad logged Magic's first event points in overtime, while Aquino scored the last six.

The Magic-Wings Travel game was

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Wings Travel's Ron Gamboa changes his shot in mid-air to avoid the defense of Magic's Mike Cabanas during their game in the Miller Lite caging last Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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### Netherlands into final, 3-2 over Uruguay



Netherlands' John Heitinga, front right, carries Netherlands' Wesley Sneijder, front left, as they celebrate following the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Uruguay and the Netherlands at the Green Point stadium in Cape Town, South Africa, Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

By BARRY WILNER  
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CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP)—Arjen Robben emerged from the bottom of an Oranje mosh pit, mud on his brow and a smile on his face.

For good measure, he threw kisses at his teammates and fans. His goal gave the Netherlands a 3-2 victory over Uruguay and a spot in the World Cup final.

Now that's a Dutch treat!

The big prize—that elusive first title—is still one game away. But this

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## Heo improves Junior ITF rankings

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CNMI junior tennis player Ji Hoon Heo improved his Junior ITF rankings by notching the No. 653 spot, which is 44 spots up from his previous ranking of No. 697.

Heo moved up to the rankings, following his participation in two ITF events—the Open Junior BNP Paribas de Nouvelle Calédonie in New Caledonia and the Air Pacific South Pacific Open Junior Championships in Fiji.

The 18-year-old netter, who is on his last year in the Junior ITF Circuit, is the lone Pacific Oceania player to make it to the Top 1,000 of the junior rankings. More than 2,000 players from around the world have Junior ITF rankings.

Heo gained ranking points when he and teammate Alex Hamilton of New Zealand ruled the doubles division of the tournament in Fiji after sweeping Australia's Nick Kyrgios and Andrew Zedde in the finals, 6-4, 6-4.

In the singles competition of the same event, Heo also earned rank-

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Ji Hoon Heo is now ranked No. 653 in Junior ITF Circuit after competing in tournaments in Fiji and New Caledonia.